



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Rich Carlson, Interim Superintendent

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THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

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DATE: February 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance: New Visions Grant

Memo No:22-143
(Action Item)

2020-2025 Strategic Plan Goal:

1.0 STUDENT SUCCESS: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Iñupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.

1.7 STUDENT WELL-BEING: Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students.

2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

Issue Summary:

As prescribed in Board Policy 3290, the School Board greatly appreciates the support of community members and may accept suitable donations on behalf of the district. In order for the gift to be acceptable, the gift, grant or donation must satisfy the criteria 1 thru 7. Upon acceptance by the district, all gifts, grants, and bequests shall become district property. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school.

Background:

The Alaska Arts Consortium is dedicated to promoting and supporting innovation in art education. Their mission is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants, and services. The goal is to promote and improve teaching of the arts as an integral part of life and basic education through direct access to opportunities for cultural, historical, and creative experiences. At present, there are 7 Alaska school districts part of the statewide New Visions grant consortium. Areas for the project may include: incorporating the arts into curriculum, instruction such as art in the classroom, performance, professional development, and leadership.

NSBSD has been a partner with the Alaska Arts Consortium since the 2014-2015 school year. Activities for the 2021-2022 grant period include:

- **Curriculum & Assessment:** The New Visions Committee will provide training to NSBSD staff during district-wide in-services focused on arts integration and available resources. NSBSD will

review and incorporate the Art Kits (presently located in the Iñupiaq Ed Department) for district-wide circulation. Funds will be used to stock current Art Kits with art supplies for implementation and purchase or create additional Art Kits for distribution and utilization district-wide.

- NSBSD will utilize videography equipment purchased during the FY21 grant period to continue building a repository of recorded local drummers, dancers, and singers Iñupiaq songs and dances. Recordings will be housed and made available across the district for use with teaching students and their families Iñupiaq songs and dances. Committee members and other interested staff will reach out to local experts to receive permission to record songs, dances, and place-based activities and add the music/dance to the local repository. Funds are available to support local community member involvement.
- Community Engagement: The New Visions Committee will do up to a 1-hour radio show on KBRW. The NSBSD committee members will reach out and establish inter-agency linkages to promote art in education.

Grant Length

07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022

Funding Source and Grant Award Amount:

The underlying grant is funded by the Alaska Arts Consortium in the amount of \$10,500.00. The Grant stipulations require for a local NSBSD match of 10,000.00.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve and accept the New Visions Grant Award funded through the Alaksa Arts Consortium in the amount of \$10,500.00 with a 10,000.00 local NSBSD match.”

Moved by_____Seconded by_____

Vote_____