



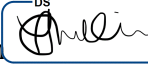
## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Nancy Rock, President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** David Vadiveloo, Superintendent <sup>DS</sup> DSV

**THROUGH:** MJ Geiser, Assistant Superintendent <sup>DS</sup> MG

**FROM:** Tennessee D. Judkins, Director of Iñupiaq Education <sup>DS</sup> 

**DATE:** August 30, 2022

**SUBJECT: Type M Certification Request** **Memo No. SB23-037**  
(Action Item)

#### NSBSD 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.

1.4 Iñupiaq Language & Culture: Implement language and culture programs to revitalize the Iñupiaq language.

3.0 Staff Success: Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and inspire indigenous Iñupiaq teachers.

3.2 Homegrown Workforce: Support the systems that inspire, develop, and recruit local/homegrown teachers, administrators, and staff.

#### Issue Summary:

Administration is requesting that the members of the Board of Education approve a Type M teacher certification request for the following individuals who hold Iñupiat Language Teacher positions:

| Name:                  | Location:   |
|------------------------|---|
| Kathy Bodfish          | Alak School (renewal)   |
| Martha Pausanna        | Nuiqsut Trapper School  |
| Julia (JaeJae) Ningeok | Ipalook Elementary School – K3/K4 Immersion                                   |
| Vernon Elavgak         | Ipalook Elementary School – 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grades           |
| Jaime Patkotak         | Ipalook Elementary School – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grades (renewal) |
| Misty Plymale          | Hopson Middle School  |

These candidates' skills and qualifications based on work history, training, and expertise in the Iñupiaq language and culture merit the Type M teacher certificate.

#### Background:

The North Slope Borough School District has offered contracts to all five individuals as the Iñupiaq Language Teachers of the above-mentioned sites/grade levels for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Both Kathy Bodfish and Jaime Patkotak are returning ilisaurrit and are seeking a renewal for their certifications. Martha Pausanna, JaeJae Ningeok, Vernon Elavgak, and Misty

Plymale are all first-year ilisaurrit and are seeking their initial certifications. Prior Board approval is required by the Alaska Department of Education in addition to other specified requirements in order for teachers to be granted Type M certificates.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education approve the request for an issuance of a Type M certificate for the individuals presented in Memo No. SB23-038.”

Motion by:\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Vote\_\_\_\_\_