



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Muriel Brower, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Pauline Harvey, Superintendent *Pauline Harvey*

FROM: Mark Roseberry, Assistant Superintendent *MR*

DATE: September 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Residential Learning Center/ Qatqinniagvik Report

MEMO: SB 21-051
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

1.6 QATQIÑÑIAGVIK (CAREER LEARNING PROGRAM): Design a career learning program expanding educational opportunities that connect students to careers; Implement the CTE 5-Year Plan.

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

Issue Summary:

Residential Learning Center (RLC)/ Qatqinniagvik Report

Background:

The NSBSD strategic plan goal is to develop a high quality Career Tech Education (CTE) program that offers all North Slope students the same opportunity to access high quality CTE courses and pathways. Over the last 3 years of implementation, the program had successes and set-backs. When the program was fully funded and staffed, participating students were taking courses that lead to industry certifications. When funding was not stable, there was a decrease in Qatqinniagvik personnel which lead to a decrease in CTE courses offerings and a decrease in industry certifications earned.

This year, COVID 19 adds a new level of challenge to a program that is at its best when students are present and developing skills under a master craftsman. This does not mean that quality CTE courses will not be taught. It does mean we are in the process of figuring out how to effectively offer the courses so that students are successful at building industry level skills that will lead to high skill/high wage employment.

The attached documents will provide a report of activities and funds expended to support the activities and a plan for the program moving forward.