

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-25 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

WORKING DRAFT for Adoption as of April 2, 2020

Proposed Motion:

- **Mission:** Select and confirm Mission Statement; move to adopt if ready or defer to next Board Retreat to finalize.
- Strategic Goals & District Objectives: Confirm pages 3-5 and <u>move to adopt</u> if ready or defer to next Board Retreat to finalize.
- Vision: <u>Refer to Vision Supplement</u>. Continue to evolve the vision; Discuss and confirm at the next Board Retreat.

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Atautchikun (Unity): Pulling together and moving as one to champion for our vision and serve our students.

MISSION

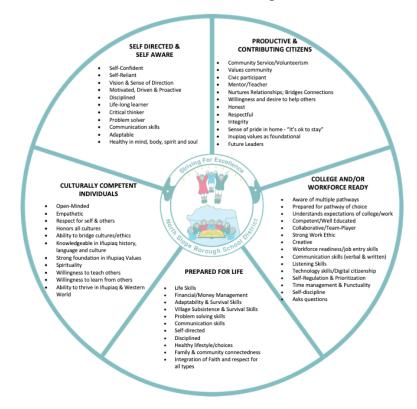
Mission Statement Ideas/Options: (Created at the November 2019 Board Retreat)

- 1. We are responsible for serving our students & community by providing an excellent/high-quality education for every student, every day.
- 2. Ensure our students are provided with maximum learning opportunities by *breaking trail* with families and communities as one.
- 3. (Nov Retreat Board Decision/Proposed) **Our priority, purpose and responsibility** is to provide high-quality education that ensures our students are prepared to take control of their destiny.

Proposed Motion: Select/Confirm Mission Statement. Translate Mission to Iñupiaq once final statement is adopted.

VISION - (REFER TO VISION SUPPLEMENT)

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE - What should a NSBSD graduate know and be able to do?



Proposed Motion: Continue the vision process; refine and confirm at next Board Retreat.

IÑUPIAQ VALUES

- Compassion
- Avoidance of Conflict
- Love and Respect for Our Elders and One Another
- Cooperation
- Humor
- Sharing

- Family and Kinship
- Knowledge of Language
- Hunting Traditions
- Respect for Nature
- Humility
- Spirituality

STRATEGIC GOALS & DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

Proposed Motion: Review/confirm Strategic Goals & District Objective; move to adoption.

GAME CHANGERS/HIGH PRIORITIES (noted in red font below)

- 1. Home grown workforce (Teachers & Principals)
- 2. Early Childhood Education/Reading by Grade 3
- 3. Parent & Community Involvement (Parents nurturing students)

STRATEGIC GOALS, DISTRICT OBJECTIVES & FOCUS FOR SY20-21

*Focus for SY20-21 in italics following the objective statement.

<u>1 STUDENT SUCCESS</u>: 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.

Outcomes: Academic Performance - All students showing academic growth; Graduation; Attendance; Clarity for college/career pathways after graduation; Iñupiaq speaking students

District Objectives & Focus for SY20-21 (Objectives listed in alphabetical order; Focus for SY20-21 in Italics)

- **1.1 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**: Ensure all students show growth in academic areas measured by authentic assessment where possible and state and district standards where necessary. *Pilot Individual Learning Plans; Set policy on class size; Explore doing more with GT program.*
 - **AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT**: Define success beyond statewide standards through development of authentic assessments. (Note: Move to an Initiative in support of 1.1 or keep as a separate objective?)
- **1.2 ATTENDANCE**: Cultivate an environment where attendance is valued, encouraged, and supported and implement a culturally integrated calendar that is aligned across the district to increase attendance and expand options for students. *Develop an Attendance Recognition Program in partnership with community.*
- **1.3** (New) EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS: Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade. Emphasis on K3/K4 Reading and early childhood social and academic success.
- **1.4** IÑUPIAQ LANGUAGE & CULTURE: Implement language and culture programs to revitalize the Inupiaq language. *Establish the K3/K4 Language & Culture Immersion Program*.
- **1.5 MULTIPLE PATHWAYS:** Implement career learning and alternative programs expanding educational opportunities that connect students to careers and providing multiple pathways to graduation based on student needs and interests. *Increased investment in CTE and Alternative Programming.*
- **1.6 PLACE-BASED LEARNING:** Implement place-based units across academic subjects including life-skills, connection to the land and experiential learning in the field. *Increase the number of ILT's and support; Provide cultural learning opportunities in all subjects.*
- **1.7** *(New)* **STUDENT WELL-BEING:** Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students. *Improve the quality of food for students; Increase emphasis on Bullying (student led campaigns, PD, etc.); Provide Mental Health PD for Staff; Bring awareness to PBIS to improve student discipline.*

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

Outcomes: Meaningful engagement; Joint understanding and commitment to education; Community members in the schools; School (students & staff) in the community; Committed to education/working in partnership with one another; Shared trust

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2.1 COMMUNICATION: Advance on-going 2-way communication, participation and interaction within the school and *between* the school and community, building the bridge of trust. *Hire a Communications Engagement Specialist.*

2.2 COMMUNITY IN THE SCHOOL: Include Elders, parents and community members in school academics and activities and utilize community resources and expertise in learning. *Develop a comprehensive Parent Involvement Plan & Menu. To explore: Develop our own program for Community Mentors; Healing Circles to continue the process of healing.*

2.3 SAC: Evolve the role of the School Advisory Council (SAC) as community leaders and advocates for education. *Develop volunteer recognition and re-focus on SAC to ensure support, bring awareness to responsibilities, and develop volunteer recognition.*

2.4 STUDENTS & STAFF IN COMMUNITY: Facilitate staff involvement in community and village events and integrate student community projects into unit development to foster the spirit of volunteerism. *Community service projects.*

<u>3 STAFF SUCCESS</u>: Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and inspire indigenous Iñupiaq teachers.

Outcomes: Teacher/Staff Retention; Local Teachers; Teacher Evaluations

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- **3.1 HIRING & RECRUITING**: Improve the hiring and onboarding process for all employees. *Be more adaptative, start process earlier; Create a Recruitment Video (Documentary of the villages).*
- **3.2 HOMEGROWN WORKFORCE:** Support the systems that inspire, develop and recruit local/homegrown teachers, administrators and staff.
- **3.3 RETENTION:** Support and retain quality teachers, administrators and staff. *Implement findings from the Compensation Study; Provide more PD for Classified Staff; Develop an Employee Recognition program; Prioritize getting the best K3/K4 Teachers; Stabilize retention of teachers and site leadership.*
- **3.4 STAFF CULTURAL INTEGRATION**: Provide cultural training and hands-on experiences for teachers and Principals to enhance cultural understanding and integration. *Implement culture camps at all sites.*

<u>4 SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT</u>: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

Outcomes: Adequate resources; Financial stability; Safe, secure facilities; School environments reflect who we are

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4.1 FACILITIES: Establish safe, modern and high-performing learning facilities. *Improve facilities management, compensation & training.*

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students. *Create a Grants Department (new position).*

4.3 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & SUPPORTS: Create student-centered schools incorporating culture beyond curriculum into all aspects of our work including facilities and operations.

4.4 (New) **ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS:** Structure the organization to operate with efficiency and better serve our students. Implement Org Re-Structure (Unified Instructional Program).

4.5 TECHNOLOGY: Leverage technology as a tool to facilitate learning, communication and collaboration.

(Example Communication Document) NSBSD STRATEGIC GOALS & DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

To do this	his GOAL 1: STUDENT SUCCESS All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Iñupiaq knowledge systems into the core conte on the development of the Whole Child.						
learners must be	Engaged & empowered by learning	Culturally competent individuals College and/or workforce ready P		Productive, contributing citizens prepared for life			
To achieve this, we must	 Academic Achievement: Ensure all students show growth in academic areas measured by authentic assessment where possible and state and district standards where necessary. Attendance: Cultivate an environment where attendance is valued, encouraged, and supported and implement a culturally integrated calendar that is aligned across the district to increase attendance and expand options for students. Early Childhood Success: Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade. 	 Place-Based Learning: Implement place-based units across academic subjects including life- skills, connection to the land and experiential learning in the field. Iñupiaq Language & Culture: Implement language and culture programs to revitalize the Inupiaq language. 	 Multiple Pathways: Implement career learning and alternative programs expanding educational opportunities that connect students to careers and providing multiple pathways to graduation based on student needs and interests. 	Student Well-Being: Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students.			

And we must have these critical supports	GOAL 2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.	GOAL 3: STAFF SUCCESS Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and inspire indigenous lñupiaq teachers.	GOAL 4: SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support the long-term stability of the district.
	Students and Staff in the Community	Innovative Hiring & Recruiting	Safe, High Performing Facilities
	Community in the School	Homegrown Workforce	Financial Stewardship
	2-Way Communication	Staff Retention	Student Centered Learning Environment
	 Empowered SAC (Student Advisory Council) 	Staff Cultural Integration	Current & Relevant Technology

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

	STUDENT SUCCESS	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	STAFF SUCCESS	SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT
We will gauge	Attendance Rate	Communications Plan	Local Teacher Ed Program	Budget
our progress by	Graduation Rate	 Parent Involvement 	Enrollment	 Grants Received
looking at	Dropout rate	Student Volunteerism/Community	Time to Fill Key Positions	Repair & Maintenance Backlog
	Academic Achievement	Service	Teacher Positions Filled	Improved Food Quality
	Achievement Gap	SAC Empowered (helping to create	Teacher Retention Rate	
	• 3 rd Grade Literacy	school success)	Staff Retention Rate	
	• 9 th Grade On-Track		Culture Camps	
	School Climate			
	• Career & Tech Ed Concentrators			

VISION SUPPLEMENT

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VISION EXERCISE: PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

What should a NSBSD graduate know and be able to do?



CULTURALLY COMPETENT INDIVIDUALS

- Open-Minded
- Empathetic
- Respect for self & others
- Honors all cultures
- Ability to bridge cultures/ethics
- Knowledgeable in Iñupiaq history, language and culture
- Strong foundation in Iñupiaq Values
- Spirituality
- Willingness to teach others
- Willingness to learn from others
- Ability to thrive in Iñupiaq & Western World
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COLLEGE AND/OR WORKFORCE READY

- Aware of multiple pathways
- Prepared for pathway of choice
- · Understands expectations of college/work
- Competent/Well Educated
- Collaborative/Team-Player
- Strong Work Ethic
- Creative
- Workforce readiness/job entry skills
- Communication skills (verbal & written)
- Listening Skills
- Technology skills/Digital citizenship
- Self-Regulation & Prioritization
- Time management & Punctuality
 - Self-discipline
 - Asks questions

Life Skills

- Financial/Money Management
- Adaptability & Survival Skills
- Village Subsistence & Survival Skills

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PREPARED FOR LIFE

- Problem solving skills
- Communication skills
- Self-directed
- Disciplined
- Healthy lifestyle/choices
- Family & community connectedness
- Integration of Faith and respect for all types

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What should a NSBSD graduate know and be able to do?

VISION THEME #1: SELF DIRECTED & SELF AWARE

Vision Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input	Thematic Summary
Theme			(SAC & Teachers)	
 Know who they are and what they want to do (have a vision) Have goals Our future leaders Able to teach the next generation Have a life-long learner mentality/philosophy Know their history; reflect on to better their world Knowledgeable in lñupiaq history, language and culture. (included below in culture) Health & wellness of mind, body and soul 	 Confident Self-reliant Tenacity - work through problems w/out quitting Healthy living Able to identify resources & a path forward (have vision) Contributing/participating member of the community Life-long learners Adaptable Ability to adjust to technology (as it evolves) *Self-Motivated Acceptance of self 	 Self-Aware of strengths and weaknesses Productive Intrinsic motivation Vision/Sense of direction Goal setting Know how to work with others Have the right attitude Be able to think critically Understand your support Know your resources Able to problem solve Able to cope Know who to ask for help Proactive Making the right choices Good listener 	 Kali Teaching Staff Independent Visionary Goal Oriented Goal Driven Self-Advocating Responsible Reflective Kali SAC Integrity Responsibility Cooperativeness God-Fearing Intrinsic Motivation Determination Seeks Answers Perseverance Goal setting A life's purpose Making good choices Nunamiut SAC Either apply for college or go to training so they can get a good career Be prepared to be self-dependent, realizing they are in control of where they want their goals to fit in place 	 Confident/Self-Aware Visionary Goal Oriented & Driven Independent/Self-Reliant Self-Advocating Responsible Determined & Disciplined Motivated Proactive Perseverance Integrity Life-long learner Critical thinker Problem solver Communication skills Adaptable Positive attitude Healthy in mind, body, spirit and soul Career and/or College Driven Future leader

VISION THEME #2: PRODUCTIVE & CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN

Vision	Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input	Thematic Summary
Theme				(SAC & Teachers)	
PRODUCTIVE & CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN	 Honest Respectful Empathetic Happy Helpful, contributing members of society Positive, optimistic, helpful Productive & contributing Become mentors Able to teach the next generation Community Service - knows about volunteerism/cares about community 	 Voluntary is ok (good to volunteer) Ability to communicate It's ok to stay (in a community) Appreciation and sense of community Values the community Requirement of community project (for graduates) Creative communication skills Civic participant involved in civic affairs Students knowing, they are important (their knowledge is important/valued) Team player/group learning Bridge Connections (nurturing of relationships) Understanding of citizenship Willingness & desire to help those that are in need Values as foundational 	 Helping others Volunteer Strong work ethic Set goals for themselves Positive attitude Able to communicate well Have integrity Work cooperatively with others Connection to the community Aware of what is happening in the world Take responsibility for themselves Able to speak with Authenticity Be a volunteer Be a team player Accept diverse cultures Engaged Be intrinsically motivated Willing to take risks Know how to ask for help Supportive/Be there for others 	 Kali Teaching Staff Problem Solver Law Abiding Civic-Minded Good Relationship Manager Social Justice Advocate Volunteer Kali SAC Sharing Skills and Knowledge Participant in Community Efforts Good Samaritan Entrepreneurship Law-Abiding Citizen Team Player Good communication skills Loyalty to a cause Decision making Volunteer Self-sufficient and independent Employed on the job Encouragement Nunamiut SAC Promising a good lifestyle Being healthy & fit Setting good examples to the younger generations Healing those in need 	 Values community Civic participant Volunteer Law Abiding Civic-Minded Good Relationship Manager Social Justice Advocate Mentor Problem Solver Strong Communication Skills Willingness and desire to help others Honest Respectful Integrity Sense of pride in home - "It's ok to stay" Inupiaq values as foundational

VISION THEME #3: CULTURALLY COMPETENT

Vision Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input	Thematic Summary
Theme			(SAC & Teachers)	
 Knowledgeable in Iñupiaq history, language and culture Thrive in both Iñupiaq & Western World Honor all cultures Bilingual Respectful of self & others Tolerance and respect for other cultures Iñupiaq Values - Able to articulate all the Iñupiaq values and what they mean Spirituality 	 Understanding values Language (ability to speak/communicate in Inupiaq) Respect for one another (across cultures) Knowledge of outdoors/trails/survival Traditional foods/healthy eating and wellness Value of tradition/culture Ability to communicate Inupiaq values (connecting behavior to values) Adaptability (importance of past as it relates to the future & adaptations we need to make) Respect the diversity of others *Empathy (across cultures) (respect for one another) 	 Have self-confidence (be comfortable with who they are) An open mind Be willing to teach others Be willing to learn from others Be willing to serve Be willing to share Have a strong foundation in Inupiat values To embrace their culture Help others to believe in themselves Able to console each other Healthy conversations (cooperative in nature) 	 Kali Teaching Staff Honor Inupiaq Values Creative Cooperative Inupiat Language Skills Ancestry Family and Kindship Kali SAC Unity Well-versed in Inupiat Values Respect for Elders – Listen and Learn Look to role models Environmental Awareness Survival skills Subsistence opportunities in the field Provide culturally responsive teaching Hands-on learning Create independent learners Build trust with students Respect for nature Family and kinship Sense of humor Avoidance of conflict Humility Cooperation Nunamiut SAC Displaying the 12 core Inupiaq values in their daily lives If they are hunters, sharing their catches with those that need meet and other things 	 Open-Minded Empathetic Cooperative Respect for self & others Honors all cultures Family and Kindship Knowledgeable in Iñupiaq history, language and culture Bilingual Ancestry Respects Iñupiaq Values Spirituality Willingness to teach others Willingness to learn from others Ability to thrive in both Iñupiaq & Western World

VISION THEME #4: WORKFORCE READY

Vision Theme	Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input (SAC & Teachers)	Thematic Summary
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VISION THEME #5: PREPARED FOR LIFE

Vision Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input	Thematic Summary
Theme			(SAC & Teachers)	
 Finance/Accounting Skills (know how to manage a bank account) Problem solver Be able to solve problems Communication Village survival/subsistence Knows healthy habits Self-directed Disciplined Interdependent Good time management Hunting, sewing & cooking Healthy lifestyle/choices 	 Ability to communicate in written and oral form Family & community connectedness Self-reliant; ingenuity Ability to balance a budget (manage finances) Faith - Respect, integration & acceptance around faith as part of identity/values (and respect for all types of faith) Stress management skills Drug abuse education & prevention Ability to make healthy choices (drug free; making healthy choices) 	 Work skills Be able to learn from your mistakes. Know First Aid and CPR. Know how to prepare a personal budget. Learning to cope with speed bumps Manage money Parenting skills Training and education in the field of their endeavor Healthy lifestyle Life skills Making the right life choices Understanding careers available to them & match capabilities and interests Having a positive mental outlook Learning how to make requests vs. complaining 	 Kali Teaching Staff Critical Thinker Traditional Skills Good Communicator Optimistic Self-Sufficient Assertive Confident in Who You Are Content Poised Financially Stable Kali SAC Adaptable Outgoing Knowledge of basic skills for life Career education High school graduation Develop coping skills Anger management Honesty Parenting classes Writing a resume Electives in home economics and- industrial arts Vision/Goals Work ethic Interest inventories Domestic skills Nunamiut SAC Planning their own goals Becoming independent, but knowing its ok to have support 	 High school graduation Life Skills Finance/Accounting Money management Parenting skills Economic Development Adaptability & Survival Skills Village Subsistence & Survival Skills Village Subsistence & Cooking Problem solving skills Critical thinker Good communicator Self-directed Disciplined Optimistic Self-Sufficient Work-Ethic Assertive Confident in Who You Are Content Poised Financially Stable Healthy lifestyle/choices Family & community connectedness Integration of Faith and respect for all types

GAME CHANGERS: WHAT IS ONE <u>GAME CHANGER</u> THAT WOULD MAKE THIS PORTRAIT/VISION A REALITY FOR ALL NSBSD STUDENTS?

	Board Input	Directors	Principals	Site Input	Thematic Summary
GAME CHANGERS	 Home grown workforce (Teachers & Principals) Early Childhood Education/Reading by Grade 3 Parent & Community Involvement (Parents nurturing students) 	 Accountability across the board (teachers, parents, students, community) Social-emotional Skills Community & Family Engagement Adaptability & Survival Skills Organizational Direction & Continuity Increase in local teachers & leadership * High Retention Rate 	 Having good role models Make their learning relevant by what we teach our students (meaningful & interesting) Student recognition for what they do (helps to develop self-confidence) Teamwork & collaboration Social/Emotional Skills - Teach our students positive behaviors (continually; systematically; routine; lay foundation for positive behavior) Parents, community, schools all on the same page with shared focus All stakeholders have a shared vision Accountability Norms for communication 	 Community Involvement Create a safe and trusting environment at school and at home 	 Home grown workforce (Increase in local teachers/leadership) * High Retention Rate Early Childhood Education (Reading by Grade 3) Family & Community Involvement (Parents nurturing students) Accountability across the board (teachers, parents, students, community) Social-emotional Skills Organizational Direction & Continuity/Collaboration All stakeholders have a shared vision Adaptability & Survival Skills Education/learning that is relevant Norms for communication Safe and Trusting Environment