



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

FROM: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator DsV
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DATE: November 16, 2023

SUBJECT: **Native Village of Barrow Memorandum of Understanding - Memo No: SB24-069**
Juvenile Court Program (Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan:

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.

Issue Summary:

Native Village of Barrow has established a juvenile court program whose primary goal is to provide interventions for troubled youth who are at the risk of being involved in, or have already been involved in State Court processes. For this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the focus age range of young people for the program is 14-17 years of age.

To support this program, Native Village of Barrow have requested that NSBSD enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Slope Borough (inclusive of NSB Department of Health and Social Service and NSB Police Department) and North Slope Borough School District.

Background:

The Native Village of Barrow (NVB) is a federally recognized Alaska Native Iñupiat tribal government operating under the constitution, codes, and by-laws of the Native Village of Barrow. Pursuant to its by-laws, NVB established a Juvenile Court Program which is funded by a 3-year grant awarded to the NVB by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Department. The grant was issued to NVB to develop a "Circle Peacemaking Justice Model" whose primary goal is providing interventions for tribal youth who are at risk of being involved in, or have already become involved in, State court processes.

As part of the Juvenile Court Program, NVB has established the Native Village of Barrow's Tribal Youth Program (NVBTYP) whose role is to respond to and support juvenile offenders at a local village level through the Juvenile Court Program. NVBTYP is guided by a Wellness Team whose members will include NSBSD representatives nominated by the NSBSD and including Home School Facilitators, NSBPD Police Officers nominated by the NSBPD, NSBHSS Clinicians nominated by the NSBHSS, the Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice Juvenile Probation Officer, and NVB Tribal Court Staff and Judges.

The School District and North Slope Borough are aware of the challenges facing a number of our students who might unfortunately struggle with behavioral issues that impact their engagement with school and their ability to pursue successful career pathways from education into adulthood. In order to support students who volunteer to participate in this program, the School District recommends support for the Native Village of Barrow in the interest of improving outcomes for those individuals.

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