



**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

FROM: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: January 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance: Arctic Stars Grant-Trapper School Memo No: SB22-116
(Action Item)

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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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.7 STUDENT WELLBEING:** Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP:** Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.
- 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:

Project Arctic Stars (PAS) is solely funded by the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and allows up to \$10,000 to each school within the Arctic Slope region. Funding is available for the academic school year, starting in August and ending in May. PAS funding is not available for the summer months when school is not in session.

PAS funding allows requests for the following classifications:

- Equipment and supplies for student programs, sports, and activities
- Expenses related to school wide activities i.e., school assemblies, gatherings, and activities sponsored by student councils

PAS funding will not allow requests for the following:

- Travel expenses and lodging for an individual student
- Requests that don't involve collaborative decision making and only made by an individual. For example, requests are stronger if they involve the School Advisory Committee, student council or representative, staff and/or teachers.

The Nuiqsut Trapper School submitted the funding request in the amount of \$6,800, primarily for the purpose of the Senior Graduation including the Senior Dinner and related decorations. The funding request included other activities such as Positive Behavior Trapper Program, Talent Show and Spring Fling decorations.

Length of Grant:

The Grant commences upon acceptance of the Grant by the BOE and there is no particular timeline to expend the resources, however the expectation is for such resources to be utilized within the same school and of fiscal year in which the funding made available. The School District has an established Special Revenue Fund for the Project Arctic Stars and any unutilized funds are rolled into the next fiscal year.

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

This grant is funded by the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in the amount of \$6,800.00 for the Nuiqsut Trapper School.

Proposed Motion:

"I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve and accept the Project Arctic Stars Grant funded through the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in the amount of \$6,800.00 for the Trapper School".

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____