



## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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**THROUGH:** Rich Carlson, Superintendent

**FROM:** Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

**DATE:** December 7, 2021

**SUBJECT: Legislative Update**

**Memo No. SB22-090  
(Informational/Work Session)**

#### **NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:**

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

#### **Issue Summary:**

The Board of Education attended the November 4-7, 2021 Association of Alaska School Boards Annual Conference. At this conference, the District hosted the Rural Caucus on November 4, 2021 where our District, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Iditarod Area School District, and Lobbyists Christine Hess and Reggie Joule attended.

The legislative priorities, derived from the AASB Where We Stand document, are identified on the next page. In addition to these priorities, our Board and Northwest Arctic Borough School District shared their overall priorities. For the North Slope Borough School District, these priorities, in support of the resolutions in the 2022 Where We Stand document, include: Local Governance; Meeting School Facility Needs for Alaska Students; Funding for Early Learning Programs in Alaska; Equity in Education; Alaska Native Teacher Hire & Retention; and Early Childhood Education. For Northwest Arctic Borough School District, the priorities include: Increasing funding for the foundation formula; Establishing a forward-funded education system that provides certainty to local school districts so they can accurately plan and fund their budgets; Ensuring statewide access to high quality pre-elementary and early education, including effective reading instruction; and Increasing funding and program development for vocational and career training, including apprenticeship programs. There is a supporting resolution regarding their legislative priorities. At the conclusion of the Rural Caucus, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District requested a joint meeting or a joint legislative committee meeting regarding collaboratively advocating in Juneau to the legislators.

#### **Background:**

The Rural Caucus/REAA includes the following schools: North Slope Borough School District; North West Arctic Borough School District; Alaska Gateway, Aleutians East; Bering Strait; Chatham, Chugach, Copper River; Delta/Greely, Denali; Iditarod; Kashunamiut, Kuspuk; Lake & Peninsula, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon; Pelican, Pribilof; Southeast Island, Southwest Region; Yukon Flats, Yukon Koyukuk, Yupiit