



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary

DATE: August 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Board Conference and Convention Attendance Memo: SB27-XXX
(Action item)

NSBSD Policy Manual:

Board Bylaw 9240, Board Development:...Board members need to participate in professional development activities that help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and learn new ways to cope effectively with the problems they confront.

Issue Summary:

Throughout the year, members of the NSBSD Board of Education have opportunities to attend conferences and conventions that support Board development, advocacy, Alaska Native education, and the District's work with students and communities.

Board approval is requested to authorize Board representatives to attend the following upcoming conferences and conventions:

- Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Fall Boardmanship Academy – September 12-13, 2026
- National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention – October 7-10, 2026
- First Alaskans Institute Elder & Youth Conference / Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention – October 18-24, 2026

Board Members Rossman Ferguson and Angelica Itta are identified to attend the AASB Fall Boardmanship Academy. Board representatives for the Elder & Youth/AFN and NIEA conferences may be identified based on Board interest and availability.

Participation in these conferences provides Board members opportunities for professional development and engagement on issues that directly impact the District and the communities it serves.

The Elder & Youth Conference and AFN Convention provide opportunities to engage with Alaska Native leaders, Elders, youth, and organizations on issues affecting Alaska Native communities.

The AASB Fall Boardmanship Academy provides training specifically for school board members, including Board roles and responsibilities, governance, policy, and effective leadership.



The NIEA Convention provides professional development focused on Native education, advocacy, culture-based education, policy, and practices that support Native students and communities.

Board participation provides an opportunity to bring information and perspectives from the North Slope into statewide and national discussions while also bringing relevant information and resources back to the District.

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve Board representatives to attend the Elder & Youth/AFN Convention, AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy, and NIEA Convention, and confirm Rossman Ferguson and Angelica Itta as the Board representatives attending the AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve Board representatives to attend the Elder & Youth/AFN Convention, AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy, and NIEA Convention, including Rossman Ferguson and Angelica Itta to attend the AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy, as described in this memo and attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____

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