

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education & Early Development**

**August 31, 2023**

**From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 1A**

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◆ **ISSUE**

Consideration of proposed regulation amendments relating to interscholastic activities.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- On March 16, 2023, the Board passed a resolution titled “Resolution to Preserve Opportunity for Student Athletes While Balancing Competitive Fairness, Inclusion, and Safety for All Who Compete.”
- On June 8, 2023, the Board voted to submit for public comment proposed changes to 4 AAC 06.115 to provide that a school or school district may join the Alaska School Activities Association, Inc. (ASAA), or a similar association, as long as it administers interscholastic activities in a manner that ensure fairness, safety, and equal opportunity for female students in high school athletics by limiting participation in separate high school athletics teams for female students in competitive or contact sports to females who were assigned female at birth.
- The written public comment period started on June 21, 2023 and ended July 21, 2023.
- The proposed regulation can be found behind this cover memo.
- Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner, and Susan Sonneborn, Assistant Attorney General, will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 2A.