

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

June 4, 2025

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 14A

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve final adoption of proposed amendments to 4 AAC 06.864, 4 AAC 06.888, and 4 AAC 40.020 to support the establishment of the Office of Education Advocacy.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The proposed Office of Education Advocacy is designed to provide a centralized, accessible resource for students, parents, educators, community members, and elected officials to navigate Alaska's education system.
- The proposed regulatory amendments revise existing complaint procedures to clarify how the department, including the Office of Education Advocacy, will process and respond to complaints. These revisions include timelines for review, requirements for district responses, and the commissioner's authority to take further action, including withholding funds.
- The board previously opened a 30-day public comment period on these proposed regulations. No public comments were received.
- A copy of the final proposed regulations follows this cover memo.
- Commissioner Deena Bishop will be available to answer questions.

◆ OPTIONS

Seek more information.

Adopt the proposed regulations in work session item 7A.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development approve proposed regulation amendments to 4 AAC 06.864, 4 AAC 06.888, and 4 AAC 40.020 regarding the support the establishment of the Office of Education Advocacy and adopt the regulation.