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State Board Welcomes Two Members, Adopts Regulations Updating Early Learning Guidelines

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting virtually on January 26, swore in members Jeffrey Erickson and Sally Stockhausen and adopted regulation changes updating Alaska’s Early Learning Guidelines.

Governor Mike Dunleavy appointed to the board Jeffrey Erickson of Unalakleet and reappointed Sally Stockhausen of Ketchikan. Mr. Erickson was appointed January 12, 2021 to fill the seat for the Second Judicial District. Mr. Erickson’s term expires March 1, 2024. Ms. Stockhausen was reappointed to fill the seat for the First Judicial District. Ms. Stockhausen’s term expires March 1, 2026.

Mr. Erickson has served as a teacher, student activities director, and school board member in the Bering Strait School District. Mr. Erickson has also served on the Unalakleet City Council for 15 years, as a commercial fisherman, and as regional manager for RurAL CAP Head Start. Mr. Erickson has been married for over 38 years and has 5 children and 9 grandchildren. Mr. Erickson holds a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology from the University of Washington.

Ms. Stockhausen has served as a special education teacher in Alaska for over 15 years in the Copper River and Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Districts. She currently holds certification in Alaska as a teacher and since 2008, she has been teaching special education and English at Ketchikan High School. Ms. Stockhausen holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from John Brown University and a master’s degree in special education from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

The State of Alaska Early Learning Guidelines define the domains of development for pre-elementary children and are part of the program requirements for pre-elementary schools. The guidelines were updated following a robust Alaska stakeholder engagement process and a formal public comment period. The guidelines are aligned to the Alaska English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards, the Head Start framework, Centers for Disease Control milestones, and the Alaska Developmental Profile goals. The guidelines were last updated in December 2007.

Lastly, the board approved its annual report to the Alaska State Legislature.

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The January 26 meeting packet and board meeting schedule are available at [https://education.alaska.gov/State Board](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board). The next board meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on February 24, 2021.

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