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## **State Board Approves Waivers for 24 Districts**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting Oct. 26 by audio conference, approved 24 school districts' applications for waivers from the statutory requirement that at least 70 percent of their operating funds be budgeted for instruction. State law allows for waivers when districts cannot meet the 70 percent threshold because of circumstances beyond their control, such as the cost of operating and maintaining facilities.

The board approved waivers for the following school districts: Alaska Gateway, Bristol Bay, Chatham, Copper River, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Iditarod, Kake, Kashunamiut, Klawock, Lake and Peninsula, Nome, North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Pelican, Pribilof, Saint Mary's, Skagway, Southeast Island, Tanana, Wrangell, Yakutat, Yukon Flats, and Yupiit.

The board meeting's packet, which includes detailed information about the district's waiver requests, is available at <a href="https://education.alaska.gov/State\_Board/">https://education.alaska.gov/State\_Board/</a>

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