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**Press Release**

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### **State Board Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Regulation**

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting by tele/videoconference Jan. 26, has sent out for public comment a proposed regulation that would allow school districts to request a waiver from required early literacy screenings for students in kindergarten and grade one.

The department requires these brief screenings of students in kindergarten, grade one, grade two, and in grade three for students who are struggling with reading. The department requires schools to share results with parents.

However, a few schools in Alaska do not teach students to read until second grade. In response, the proposed regulation would allow districts to request a waiver on behalf of a school whose instructional model makes screenings in kindergarten or first grade inappropriate.

The public can read the proposed regulation and submit written comments at <https://education.alaska.gov/reg/comment.cfm>. The deadline for written comments is 4 p.m. Feb. 27.

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