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State Board Adopts Regulations, Seeks Comment on Others

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting March 21-22 in Juneau, adopted two regulations and sent out for public comment two other regulations.

The board adopted by regulation new voluntary art standards. Additionally, the board repealed a requirement that school districts try out methods of including data about student learning in their evaluations of educators this school year.

The board sent out for public comment proposed regulations that will make it possible to use scores from the new version of the SAT in determining eligibility for Alaska Performance Scholarships.

The board also sent out for public comment proposed regulations to repeal the requirement that school districts consider data about student learning in their evaluations of educators. Alaska had adopted that requirement as a condition of receiving a waiver from certain provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The new federal K-12 law, the Every Student Succeeds Act, does not require school districts to consider data about student learning in their evaluations of educators. Consequently, the board is seeking public comment on removing the requirement from state regulations.

The board's packet for the March 21-22 meeting is at https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/16-March-Packet.pdf.

The opportunity to comment on proposed regulations will be available at https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm by early April.

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