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State Board Approves Regulations Implementing Alaska's ESSA Plan

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting May 31 by audio conference, adopted regulations implementing Alaska's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan and sent out for public comment two proposed regulation projects.

The adopted regulations are required to implement accountability and school support and improvement systems for schools and districts in Alaska, as specified in ESSA and Alaska's state plan. Alaska's ESSA plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on May 16, 2018.

The board sent out for public comment proposed regulations that amend the assessment achievement level scores on the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) test in grade 9 mathematics. Revised score ranges on the four achievement levels are needed as the grade 9 mathematics test was revised this school year to emphasize Algebra 1 concepts.

The board sent out for public comment proposed regulations that adopt the latest school accreditation document published by *AdvancED*, titled *AdvancED Performance Standards*. The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) recognizes school accreditation status as determined by *AdvancED* Northwest.

The board approved five measurable goals for Alaska's Education Challenge, changes to the Mt. Edgecumbe High School curriculum, and the minutes of the March 19-20 and April 25 meetings.

Lastly, the board set their 2018-19 meeting schedule, confirmed member appointments to board subcommittees, and elected James Fields as Chair, Barbara Thompson as First Vice-Chair, and Rebecca Himschoot as Second Vice-Chair to serve from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The May 31 meeting packet and 2018-19 board schedule are posted at https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board.

The next board meeting will be held on July 25 by audio conference.

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