

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

March 11, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 12A

◆ ISSUE

The board being asked to open a 30-day public comment period for the proposed regulation amendments to 4 AAC 06.864, 4 AAC 06.888, and 4 AAC 40.020(e) regarding informal review of complaints.

◆ BACKGROUND

- An initiative to create an Office of Education Advocacy that will provide information and resources regarding educational issues to stakeholders, including parents, community members, and educational organizations. This office will work with the various teams within the department to create a centralized point of contact to receive information and resources to assist in navigating the educational processes in the state.
- The Office of Education Advocacy will serve as a contact resource, funneling questions to appropriate teams, and helping parents of students connect with proper channels for support.
- Staff of this office will assist stakeholders in navigating Alaska's education system; provide information and support on educational rights and policies; refer issues to the appropriate department or agency; and investigate complaints related to educational practices.
- A copy of the proposed regulations can be found behind the cover memo.
- Commissioner Deena Bishop will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

Open a period of public comment.

Seek more information.