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Margaret MacKinnon Named Acting Accountability Director

JUNEAU – State Education Commissioner Mike Hanley has named Margaret MacKinnon acting Director of Assessment and Accountability. The director oversees the department's implementation of state assessments, such as the new Alaska Measures of Progress, and the state's school and district accountability system, including the Alaska School Performance Index.

Ms. MacKinnon has served the department for more than 30 years, including 25 years as a teacher in the former Alyeska Central School. She is a certified teacher and administrator in Alaska. She holds a bachelor of science degree in math education from the University of South Carolina, a master's degree in education from Rutgers University in New Jersey, and an education leadership certificate from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Most recently, Ms. MacKinnon oversaw Alaska's participation in several federal education programs, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind).

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