

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

August 24, 2021

From: Dr. Michael Johnson Commissioner

Agenda Item: 4

◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to continue the state approval of the initial and advanced educator preparation programs at the University of Alaska Southeast's (UAS) School of Education through June 30, 2025.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- 4 AAC 12.308 requires Alaska's educator preparation programs to meet or substantially meet the standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in order to be considered for state approval.
- On November 2 through November 5, 2019, the UAS Initial Educator Preparation Program was reviewed by a CAEP site visit team. Per Alaska's CAEP agreement, the department participated in the site visit as an observer.
- On April 27, 2020, the CAEP Board reviewed the recommendations of the site visit team and granted accreditation status to the UAS Initial and Advanced Educator Preparation Programs.
- CAEP's Accreditation Action Report indicates the UAS Initial and Advanced Educator Preparation Program met the five CAEP standards. The report identified no stipulations and only one area for improvement. The three previous areas for improvement under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) were removed. UAS is required to report annually its progress in the one area identified for improvement to maintain its CAEP accreditation status.
- At the June State Board meeting, UAS presented detailed information concerning its teacher preparation programs.
- The following items can be found behind this cover memo:
 - UAS's CAEP accreditation letter; and
 - UAS's CAEP accreditation action report.
- Kelly Manning, Acting Director, Innovation & Education Excellence, and Sondra Meredith, Administrator, Teacher Education and Certification will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 10.