

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

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From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 1A

ISSUE

The board will be provided with the requested information on the initial educator Elementary Education preparation program at Alaska Bible College's School of Education (ABC).

BACKGROUND

- Alaska Bible College continues to progress toward full CAEP accreditation, with a site visit scheduled for January 25–27, 2026. The Self-Study Report, submitted in July 2025, completed its first external review. While several areas for improvement were noted, these were anticipated given ABC's small, emerging program. The college is addressing feedback and will submit a formal response. Full CAEP accreditation is anticipated at the June 2026 meeting, aligning with the conclusion of its provisional state accreditation and ensuring future graduates meet all state licensure requirements.
- The Elementary Education Program demonstrates meaningful growth and local impact. ABC has produced two graduates, both teaching in Alaska schools with strong employer evaluations. One employer has requested additional student teachers in the future, highlighting program quality and partnership potential. Early outcomes reflect the college's commitment to preparing educators who model service, integrity, and instructional excellence in Alaska classrooms.
- The following items can be found behind this cover memo:
 - ABC Education Preparation Program Annual Report
 - ABC PowerPoint Presentation.
- Matt Lindquist-Academic Dean, Alaska Bible College will be present to brief the board.

OPTIONS

This is a work session item for informational purposes only.