

To: Alaska State Board of Education

From: Dr. Matthew Lindquist, Dean of Academics for Education, Alaska Bible College

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Subject: Alaska Bible College – Educator Preparation Program Update

Dear Members of the State Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this year's update on the Educator Preparation Program at Alaska Bible College. Our team has continued to strengthen both the quality and accountability of the program while maintaining close alignment with Alaska's standards for teacher preparation.

Since our last report, we have seen meaningful growth in student outcomes and program refinement. Two of our graduates are now teaching in Alaska classrooms, both receiving strong feedback from their employers for professionalism, instructional readiness, and classroom leadership. Based on those results, local principals have already requested to host additional student teachers from ABC in future semesters.

We also launched a **personalized Praxis I tutoring initiative** that began with math and now includes English language skills. This shift toward individualized preparation has already proven more effective than generic software-based test prep, especially for early-program candidates.

Our curriculum remains anchored in the principles of the **Science of Reading**, supported through a clear sequence of courses that build both theoretical understanding and classroom application. The newly implemented **Instructional Scaffolding in Literacy** course extends that work by training candidates to support diverse learning needs while maintaining high expectations for achievement. Together, these courses ensure that teacher candidates graduate with the competence and confidence to deliver strong literacy instruction in every classroom.

Faculty continue to review student performance data, course evaluations, and field experience feedback to guide ongoing improvement. The Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC) remains active and engaged, providing practical input that keeps the program responsive to Alaska's educational priorities.

We are now in the final preparation stages for our **CAEP site visit scheduled for January 25–27, 2026**, with an accreditation decision expected at the **June 2026 CAEP Commission meeting**. Our team is confident in both the progress made and the strength of the evidence submitted.

Alaska Bible College remains committed to preparing teachers who combine sound pedagogy with Christlike character and a servant's heart for Alaska's students. We appreciate the Board's continued partnership and support as we move toward full national accreditation.

Sincerely,
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