

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

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From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 3

◆ ISSUE

The board is provided with background on Governor Dunleavy's recent Administrative Orders (AO359 and AO360), which have implications for the Department of Education and Early Development's operations, regulatory framework, and engagement with stakeholders.

◆ BACKGROUND

- Administrative Order 359 (AO359): Issued on August 4, 2025, AO359 establishes a new statewide framework for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of advisory boards, councils, and commissions. It directs agencies to streamline operations, reduce duplicative efforts, and ensure these bodies provide measurable value to Alaskans.
- Administrative Order 360 (AO360): Issued concurrently, AO360 directs state agencies to improve transparency, efficiency, and accountability in Alaska's regulatory environment. Agencies are required to identify opportunities to reduce the regulatory burden by 15% by 2026 and 25%, cumulative by 2027, while maintaining protections for public health, safety, and education quality.
- Both orders are designed to enhance the effectiveness of state government and ensure that Alaska's regulatory and advisory structures are focused, efficient, and responsive. The Department will be reviewing its existing regulations and advisory groups to ensure alignment with these directives and will keep the Board informed of progress and impacts relevant to public education.
- Dawn Hannasch, Director of Administrative Services, is the department lead for AO359 and Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner, is the department lead for AO360.
- Dawn Hannasch, Director of Administrative Services, Deputy Commissioner Morrison, and Commissioner Bishop will be available to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item and informational purposes only.