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

Agenda Item: 4

♦ ISSUE

The board will be provided an update on the 2020-2021 school year enrollment counts across Alaska's school districts.

♦ BACKGROUND

- As a result of the COVID-19 health pandemic, there has been a shift in student enrollments amongst school district from the brick and mortar schools to correspondence programs (either in-district or statewide programs).
- The board was briefed on the preliminary 2020-2021 school year enrollment count changes at the December 9, 2020 board meeting.
- The initial FY2021 preliminary student count data showed a decrease of 14,878.13 in the regular average daily membership (ADM) and an increase of 13,343.34 in the correspondence ADM, compared to the FY2020 actuals.
- The OASIS Updated FY2021 student count data, as of December 18, 2020, showed a decrease of 15,028.34 in the regular average daily membership (ADM) and an increase of 13,248.33 in the correspondence ADM, compared to the FY2020 actuals.
- Behind this cover memo is a one-page comparison of the statewide enrollment and funding levels for FY2020 Actual; FY2021 Projected; FY2021 Preliminary; and FY2021 OASIS Updated.
- Heidi Teshner, Director of Finance and Support Services, will be present to brief the board.

♦ OPTIONS

This is an information update. No action is required.