

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

**July 13, 2022**

**From: Heidi Teshner, Deputy Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 1**

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**◆ ISSUE**

This is a presentation to the board regarding the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Strategic Reading Plan.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- Over the 2021-2022 school year the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence prioritized Alaska Education Challenge, Priority #1: Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade. During this time frame, several reading-related initiatives were developed and implemented. In May of 2022, Alaska Reads Act legislation passed. Alaska's Strategic Reading Plan encompasses both the requirements contained in the Alaska Reads Act and other division reading-related initiatives together in comprehensive support for reading across Alaska.
- Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Strategic Reading Plan
  - History
    - Why the plan was developed
  - Purpose and use of the plan
    - History
    - Working document
  - Broad categories of the Strategic Reading Plan
    - Components of each category
      - Reads Act embedded into the plan
  - Discussion related to the plan
- Susan McKenzie, Director, Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, will be present to brief the board.

**◆ OPTIONS**

This is an information item. No action is required.