

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

June 10, 2021

From: Dr. Michael Johnson Commissioner

Agenda Item: 1

◆ ISSUE

The board will be briefed on the current teacher preparation programs offered by the University of Alaska Southeast's Alaska College of Education and the results of its most recent accreditation visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

◆ BACKGROUND

- 4 AAC 12.308 requires Alaska's educator preparation programs to meet or substantially meet the standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in order to be considered for state approval.
- On November 2nd through November 5th, 2019, the UAS Initial Educator Preparation Program was reviewed by a CAEP site visit team. Per Alaska's CAEP agreement, the department participated in the site visit as an observer.
- On April 27th, 2020, the CAEP Board reviewed the recommendations of the site visit team and granted accreditation status to the UAS Initial and Advanced Educator Preparation Programs.
- CAEP's Accreditation Action Report indicates the UAS Initial and Advanced Educator Preparation Program met the five CAEP standards. The report identified no stipulations and only one area for improvement. The three previous areas for improvement under NCATE were removed. UAS is required to report annual its progress in the one area identified for improvement to maintain its CAEP accreditation status.
- The following items can be found behind this cover memo:
 - UAS PowerPoint Presentation
 - UAS's CAEP accreditation letter; and
 - UAS's CAEP accreditation action report.
- Tamara Van Wyhe, Director, Innovation & Education Excellence, Sondra Meredith, Administrator, Teacher Education and Certification, Dr. Steve Atwater, UAS Alaska College of Education, Executive Dean, and Dr. Scott Christian, UAS Associate Dean, will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information item. No action is necessary.