

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

**June 10, 2021**

**From: Dr. Michael Johnson Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 2**

◆ **ISSUE**

The board will be briefed on a proposed plan to regain initial program accreditation through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and state-approval by the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

◆ **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- On January 11, 2019, DEED was notified by CAEP that UAA initial teacher preparation program’s accreditation was revoked. Detailed information is available in the Accreditation Action Report ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/\\_documents/Accessible%20CAEP%20report.pdf](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/_documents/Accessible%20CAEP%20report.pdf)).
- UAA would like to discuss with the board a pathway to regain state approval for their initial teacher preparation program.
- The following items can be found behind this cover memo:
  - UAA Memo;
  - Early Childhood (EC) Program Fact Sheet;
  - Four-year Plan for Bachelor’s of Art (BA) Degree in EC at UAA;
  - CHEA Decision Summary;
  - BA EC with Standards Alignment Framework; and
  - BA EC Quality Assurance Evidence System.
- Tamara Van Wyhe, Director, Innovation & Education Excellence, Sondra Meredith, Administrator, Teacher Education and Certification, Dr. Denise Runge, UAA Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Hillary Seitz, UAA Professor, Early Childhood Education, will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

This is an information item. No action is necessary.