

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

**October 09, 2024**

**From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 14C**

---

**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to consider opening a period of public comment on proposed regulations addressing an Office of Education Advocacy.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- An initiative to create an Office of Education Advocacy that will provide information and resources regarding educational issues to stakeholders, including parents, community members, and educational organizations. This office will work with the various teams within the department to create a centralized point of contact to receive information and resources to assist in navigating the educational processes in the state.
- The Office of Education Advocacy will serve as a contact resource, funneling questions to appropriate teams, and helping parents of students connect with proper channels for support.
- Staff of this office will assist stakeholders in navigating Alaska's education system; provide information and support on educational rights and policies; refer issues to the appropriate department or agency; and investigate complaints related to educational practices.
- A copy of the proposed regulations can be found behind agenda item 11C.
- Commissioner Deena Bishop will be present to brief the board.

**◆ OPTIONS**

Open a period of public comment.  
Seek more information.

**◆ SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development open a 30-day public comment period for the proposed regulations regarding the Office of Education Advocacy (proposed 4 AAC 10.010-10.900), subject to Department of Law preliminary review.