



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** State Board of Education & Early Development  
**Date:** October 8-9, 2025  
**Thru:** Dr. Deena Bishop  
Commissioner  
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**From:** Paul Reid, Project Coordinator  
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**Subject:** Agenda 8F Division  
Standing Report

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### Office of Education Advocacy

#### Introduction of Candidate

The Department of Education and Early Development is forwarding Paul Reid as the selected candidate for Project Coordinator of the Office of Education Advocacy (OEA) to the State Board of Education & Early Development for approval.

Mr. Reid brings twenty-seven years of experience as an educator in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District. He served twenty years as a classroom teacher before transitioning into administration, where he spent seven years as an assistant principal and principal at Palmer High School. His extensive background in both teaching and school leadership positions him well to support the mission of the OEA and serve as a trusted resource for Alaska's families, students, educators, and community members.

#### Mission of the Office of Education Advocacy

The Office of Education Advocacy exists to empower Alaska's educational stakeholders through a centralized hub of resources and support. Its mission is to provide clear, accessible information, assist in navigating the education system, and act as a resource for parents, students, educators, community members, and elected officials. By serving as both an advocate and a connector, the OEA helps ensure that families, educators, and other stakeholders have the tools they need to address concerns, make informed decisions, and uphold the educational rights of students across the state.

## Progress Update

While pending approval by the State Board of Education, the Office of Education Advocacy has continued its initial work under the leadership of the recommended candidate, Paul Reid.

- **Resource Development:** Initial progress has centered on establishing resources for stakeholders, most notably the development of the Office of Education Advocacy website, which now serves as a central hub for information, guidance, and support.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** On August 1, 2025, he attended the Superintendents Legislative Fly-In to introduce himself to superintendents statewide as a liaison and resource. Since then, he has maintained ongoing contact with district leaders to support them in addressing questions and accessing departmental resources. He has been working with families and schools to problem solve as concerns arose during the start of the new school year this fall.
- **Direct Support and Consultation:** Mr. Reid has provided assistance to superintendents on data requests and helped address concerns referred by the Department of Education and Early Development. He has served as a point of contact for educators, offering resource sharing and consultations, particularly in the areas of charter school applications and correspondence school resources.
- **Network Building:** Efforts have been directed toward strengthening relationships across the education community to ensure families, educators, and districts are aware of OEA services. This includes positioning the office as a neutral and reliable source of information and guidance.