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To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
Date: October 14, 2026
Item: 11.0

Issue

The Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development voted to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to explore potential improvements and develop recommendations to present back to the Board at its October meeting.

Background

- Due to concerns raised during the 2025–26 school year, the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development voted to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to explore potential improvements and develop recommendations to present to the Board in October 2026.
- Commissioner Bishop appointed the Office of Education Advocacy (OEA) Project Manager to develop the framework for the committee and coordinate the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- The update on the development and establishment of the committee will include:
 - The structure and composition of the committee
 - Data gathered from students, teaching staff, and parents
 - Committee members who have agreed to serve
 - The proposed timeline and schedule for committee meetings
- Paul Reid, Project Manager for the Office of Education Advocacy, will provide the briefing to the Board.

Options

This is an information item. No action required