



Cover Memo

To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
Date: October 13, 2026
Item: 15.0

Issue

The Board is being asked to approve a 5-year application for the HomeSTEAD Charter School in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Background

- Based on the application materials submitted by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, the local board's written findings, and the Department's technical review, the HomeSTEAD Charter School application demonstrates compliance with the applicable charter school application requirements with some corrections required. The District is seeking a 5 Year approval duration. The application contains the information necessary for State Board action. The application presents an educational program, governance structure, facility plan, fiscal framework, admissions process, and operational plan, with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District being the chartering district.
- Behind this cover memo are the complete application and the DEED review summary.
 - The DEED Team review included issues that may require attention (items 1 through 4 in the DEED Summary) prior to approval or conditional approval
- Jasmine Wicks, APC Chair, will be present to response to questions from the Board.
- Conditional Approval is recommended by the DEED review team.

Options

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 18.0.