



Cover Memo

To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
Date: October 14, 2026
Item: 18.0

Issue

The Board is being asked to approve a new application for a charter school in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District: HomeSTEAD Charter School.

Background

- Based on the application materials approved and 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 a request for a K-8 grade school for 5 years.
- This documentation identifies compliance with the majority of applicable charter school application requirements and contains the information necessary for State Board action. The application presents a defined 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.
- Jasmine Wicks, APC Chair, will be present to address the board.

Options

Approve the application.
Conditionally approve the application (addressing Items identified in the Review Summary 1-4).
Reject the application.
Seek more information.

Administration's Recommendation

Conditional Approval is recommended.

Suggested Motion

After considering all public comment, I move the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the proposed application for the HomeSTEAD charter school amendments with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for a period of 5 years.