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To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
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Issue

The State Board of Education and Early Development will receive an informational presentation regarding the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Green to Teach initiative, including implementation updates, entry pathways, candidate requirements, and next steps related to the expansion of alternative teacher certification pathways.

Background

- The State Board of Education adopted Resolution 01-2025 on January 22, 2025, supporting development and implementation of the Green to Teach pathway.
- The initiative is designed to support teacher retention and recruitment efforts by expanding alternative pathways into the education profession.
- Green to Teach is modeled after the former Troops to Teachers program and builds upon DEED's prior Alaska Transition to Teaching (AKT2) program.
- The initiative recognizes active-duty military personnel, veterans, and military spouses as a potential educator workforce pipeline.
- The presentation will provide an overview of the SkillBridge partnership, district placement opportunities, candidate requirements, pilot implementation efforts, and statewide expansion planning.

Administration's Recommendation

This is an information item only. No action is required by the board.