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State Board Adopts Regulations, Proposes Others

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting Sept. 12-14 in Kodiak, adopted three regulation packages and sent out for public comment one proposed regulation package.

The adopted regulations: 1) clarify the definition of in-kind services in the Uniform Chart of Accounts used by school districts; 2) approve an index that measures the academic growth and proficiency of students in schools; and 3) specify the acceptable standards for agencies that accredit educator-preparation programs.

The proposed regulations sent out for public comment would require full-time students in state-supported correspondence programs to enroll in at least two different core courses each semester. The intent is to provide students with a well-rounded and diverse course load.

The State Board also approved: 1) the appointment of Chris Simon as Rural Education Coordinator; 2) the revised Mt. Edgecumbe High School Policy Manual; 3) the charter of Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School in Mat-Su for 10 years; 4) a resolution to rescind board resolutions in 2007 and 2009 that requested the Alaska Legislature to reconsider or amend a current statute that requires school districts to spend a minimum of 70 percent of their operating funds on instruction; and 5) a resolution thanking Cynthia Curran, former Director of Teaching & Learning Support, for her state service.

See http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/12sept_packet.pdf.

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