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### **James Fields Joins State Board of Education & Early Development**

JUNEAU – James Fields of Glennallen has been sworn in as a member of the State Board of Education & Early Development. Fields will serve a five-year term in a seat reserved for the regional educational attendance areas, the school districts in the unorganized borough.

Fields owns The Hub of Alaska and Homestead Supply as well as other buildings in the Glennallen area, and serves as the head high school boys basketball coach and president of the Copper River School Board. He and his family enjoy being foster parents.

“I would like to thank Governor Parnell, the Legislature and the State Board of Education & Early Development for the opportunity to serve citizens of Alaska in this role,” Fields said. “I will bring my experience as a school board member from an REAA to advocate for students and their families around the state. I have been proud to represent the students, their families and the hard working staff of the Copper River School District. It is a great honor to now be serving on the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development.”

