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State Board Approves Accrediting Standards

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting by video/teleconference on Jan. 28, approved a regulation and sent out for public comment three proposed regulations.

The board adopted the school accreditation standards of AdvancED, the nonprofit organization affiliated with the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the accrediting agency for schools in the northwest region.

The board opened a period of public comment on proposed regulations concerning norm-referenced testing. Changes include repealing requirements for a standardized norm-referenced test and the reporting of norm-referenced test results, and repealing assessment-related questionnaires.

The board opened a period of public comment on proposed regulations regarding district-operated statewide residential educational programs, to allow variable-term programs, which rotate students in and out of the program during the school year for the entire school term.

The board opened a period of public comment on regulations to create an energy efficiency standard for school construction and major maintenance projects.

The board approved the proposed budget for the Department of Education & Early Development. The board approved the appointment of Dr. Susan McCauley as the department's Director of Teaching & learning Support.

The board approved a resolution supporting the Denali Centennial Climb 2013, which honors the achievements of the first team to reach the summit of Denali 100 years ago. The team included three young Alaska Natives.

For the board packet, see http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/13_jan_packet.pdf.

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