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State Board Approves New Regulations

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting March 7 & 8 in Juneau, approved regulations to establish energy-efficient codes for school construction and major renovations. The State Board also approved regulations to allow district-operated statewide residential programs to accept variable-term (short-term) students.

The State Board sent out for public comment proposed regulations to formalize the policies of the Alaska State Museum regarding the scope of the collection, acquisition of artifacts, loans of objects in the collection, agreements regarding Alaska Native artifacts, permanently removing artifacts from the collection, and ownership of artifacts.

The State Board sent out for public comment proposed regulations to implement the accountability components of Alaska's requested waiver from certain aspects of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. If the U.S. Department of Education approves Alaska's waiver, the state's new accountability system will apply to accountability decisions made in August 2013 and thereafter.

The State Board approved requests from five school districts for waivers from the state requirement that districts spend at least 70 percent of their operating funds on instruction. These waivers refer to the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2012. The districts are: Alaska Gateway, Galena, Kashunamiut, Klawock, and Yakutat.

The State Board approved requests from three school districts for approval of charter school applications. The board approved a five-year renewal of the Anvil City Science Academy's charter. The school, which is in the Nome School District, began in 2003. The board approved a 10-year renewal of the Frontier Charter School's charter. The school, in the Anchorage School District, began in 2003. The board approved a five-year initial charter for the Greatland Academy Charter, which is in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

For the board packet, see

http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/13_march_packet.pdf.

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