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State Board Approves Waivers for 24 Districts

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting by tele/videoconference on Oct. 28, approved waivers for 24 school districts from a state requirement to budget at least 70 percent of their operating funds on instruction.

The districts are: Alaska Gateway, Aleutian Region, Aleutians East, Bristol Bay, Chatham, Copper River, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Iditarod, Kake, Kashunamiut, Kuspuk, Lake and Peninsula, Nome, North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Pelican, Pribilof, Saint Mary's, Skagway, Southeast Island, Tanana, Yukon Flats, and Yupiit.

The number of districts seeking waivers was similar to the previous two years and down from the decade before that. Typically, districts requesting a waiver have budgets of under \$3 million or the cost of operations and maintenance, such as energy, composes more than 20 percent of their budget.

The State Board also sent out for public comment a proposed regulation that clarifies graduation rates required for small schools that are recognized by the state as highest performing or high progress.

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

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