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## Press Release

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### **State Board of Education Adopts Regulations**

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting June 4 and 5 in Fairbanks, adopted regulations related to student teaching, a bond reimbursement and grant review committee, and fees at the state library, archives, and museums.

- The new student teaching regulation provides clear minimum expectations to guide teacher preparation programs that place student teachers in Alaska public schools.
- The board established terms of office and procedures for filling vacancies on the department's Bond Reimbursement and Grant Committee.
- The board adopted increased and uniform fees for services provided by the Alaska State Library, the Alaska State Archives, and the Alaska State Museums.

The board sent out for public comment proposed regulations that would allow persons who hold a certificate of achievement to receive a high school diploma if they take a college and career readiness assessment.

State law requires students to take a college and career readiness assessment -- the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys -- during high school as a condition of receiving a high school diploma. Students who complete their high school credits but do not take a college and career readiness assessment in high school receive a certificate of achievement. The proposed regulation would allow those persons to take a college and career readiness assessment after leaving high school and then receive a high school diploma.

The board approved an initial charter for PAIDEIA Charter School in Anchorage and it renewed the charter of Midnight Sun Family Learning Center Charter School in Mat-Su. The board elected James Fields as Chair, Sue Hull as First Vice-Chair, and Barbara Thompson as Second Vice-Chair. For the meeting packet, see [http://education.alaska.gov/State Board/pdf/15-June-Packet.pdf](http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/15-June-Packet.pdf)

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