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## **State Board Approves World Language Expert Limited Teacher Certificate, Amends Regulations Regarding Uniform Chart of Accounts**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting March 19-20 in Juneau, approved a regulation to create a world language expert limited teacher certificate and amended regulations regarding the Uniform Chart of Accounts for school districts.

The creation of a world language expert limited teacher certificate helps fulfill a need for increased staffing in the growing number of language immersion classrooms across the state. Districts would only be allowed to employ individuals holding this certificate to teach in the subject areas that the individual has earned an endorsement. An individual holding this certificate would only be allowed to provide instruction in the language of expertise.

The approved amendments to regulations regarding the Uniform Chart of Accounts clarify how to report technology related activities and expenditures for consistency among districts. The amendments also bring the account codes and definitions into conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements.

The board approved ten-year renewals of charters for Anvil City Science Academy in the Nome Public School District and Winterberry Charter School in the Anchorage School District.

The board approved the final annual list of capital projects eligible for funding under the school construction grant and major maintenance grant funds, and the minutes from the January 29-30, 2018 board meeting and the February 28, 2018 work session.

The March 19-20 meeting packet is available at [https://education.alaska.gov/State\\_Board/pdf/3-19-2018\\_Board\\_Packet.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/3-19-2018_Board_Packet.pdf).

The next board meeting will be held on April 25 by audio conference.

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