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**Amendment to Alaska's Every Student Succeeds Act Plan  
Approved by the U.S. Department of Education**

JUNEAU -- An amendment to Alaska's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan was approved on March 13, 2019, by the U.S. Department of Education.

Alaska's plan to implement ESSA, the new federal education law, was previously approved by the U.S. Department of Education on May 16, 2018. As part of that approval, Alaska was required to submit an amendment to the state plan by January 15, 2019, and provide data to ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in schools assisted with Title I, Part A funds are not served at a disproportionate rate by inexperienced, out-of-field, and ineffective teachers.

"Alaska's ESSA plan builds off our state's ongoing commitment to ensuring an excellent education for every student every day," said Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson. "This commitment includes focusing our efforts on preparing, attracting, and retaining effective educational professionals."

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) considered input provided by stakeholders during the compilation and analysis of the data through multiple webinars with district personnel and an online feedback form for the public.

Alaska's amendment and approval letter from the U.S. Department of Education are available on DEED's [ESSA webpage](#).

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