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### **State Board Adopts Revisions to School Facility Planning, Construction, and Commissioning**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting September 18 and 19 in Anchorage, adopted amendments to regulations regarding school facility planning and construction and school facility commissioning.

The adopted amendments accomplish needed clean-up work in several school facility planning and construction areas (e.g., citations for updated publications), codify current work practices, make improvements to the capital project administration process, and set limits on funding. Additionally, the adopted amendments add a new subsection that establishes the requirement for commissioning based on the type, size, and complexity of the school capital project, and identify five key building systems that would most benefit from the commissioning process. These amendments were previously reviewed and approved by the Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Committee. The last significant revision of these regulations occurred in 2010.

The board approved the Commissioner's appointment of Erin Hardin as Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Lastly, the board approved the minutes from the June 7, July 24, and August 21 meetings.

The next board meeting will be held on October 23 by audio conference.

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