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Regional Educational Attendance Area Reapportionment Finalized

10 REAA Districts to See Recasting of School Board Seats

JUNEAU – Ten Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) school districts will see a recasting of their school board seats as a result of the reapportionment process Alaska statute requires after every decennial census.

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), finalized the REAA school board seat assignments after considering public comments.

An REAA is an educational area that is established in an unorganized borough of the state. There are 19 REAAs in Alaska.

In accordance with AS 14.08.051(c), within 90 days of the Federal decennial census, the Commissioner of DEED, in consultation with DCCED and local communities, must review the school board apportionment structure of each REAA to determine if it meets the statutory standards contained at AS 14.08.051(a). The standard is that each school board member represent “as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons.” Where the standard is not met, options are proposed to the public.

The report, which contains the notices, maps, public comment, options, and decisional documents, can be found on DCCED’s Division of Community and Regional Affairs website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/>.

The districts with changed school board seat assignments are:

Alaska Gateway School District
Bering Strait School District
Chatham School District
Iditarod Area School District
Kuspuk School District

Lower Kuskokwim School District
Lower Yukon School District
Southeast Island School District
Yukon Flats School District
Yukon Koyukuk School District

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