

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

December 5, 2024

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 2

◆ ISSUE

The assessment team has prepared a presentation on the 2023-2024 administration of the Alaska System for Academic Readiness (AK STAR) Assessment Results.

◆ BACKGROUND

- Each year the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states administer a summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics to students in grades three through nine annually.
- In 2022 DEED adopted the innovative assessment Alaska System for Academic Readiness (AK STAR). This first year of the assessment did not include the growth component.
- After the spring 2023 administration, the cut scores were adjusted. These new cut scores were applied to the spring 2023 and 2024 results.
- In the spring of 2024, the second administration of the combined assessment was given to students.
- More information regarding the AK STAR assessment can be found at <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar>.
- Kelly Manning, Deputy Director of Innovation and Education Excellence, will provide a presentation on the 2023-2024 assessment results.

◆ OPTIONS

No action needed.