

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

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From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 2

◆ ISSUE

The board will be provided an update on the Department of Education & Early Development's (DEED) FY2026 operating and capital budgets.

◆ BACKGROUND

- AS 14.07.150 gives the Commissioner of Education & Early Development the responsibility and authority for preparing and executing the budget, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education & Early Development. The development of the education budget is part of the annual executive budget process.
- The Governor's Office of Management and Budget prepare annual budget requests, issue instructions to all state agencies for budget development, and works with the department on the FY2026 operating and capital budgets.
- The FY2026 Governor's budget was released on December 12, 2024.
- The total FY2026 operating budget (all fund sources) is \$1.67 billion and reflects a total decrease of \$248.1 million when compared to the FY2025 Management Plan.
- The agency and program operations portion of the FY2026 operating budget (all fund sources) is \$402.4 million and reflects a total decrease of \$22.3 million when compared to the FY2025 Management Plan.
- Behind this cover memo is the FY2026 operating and capital budget detail.
- Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner, will provide an overview and highlights of the FY2026 department budget to the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information update. No action is required.