

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

July 26, 2023

From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner

Agenda Item: 6

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to continue the state approval of the initial educator preparation programs at Alaska Pacific University (APU) through June 30, 2030.

◆ BACKGROUND

- 4 AAC 12.308 requires Alaska's educator preparation programs to meet or substantially meet the standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in order to be considered for state approval.
- On November 13 through November 15, 2022, the APU Initial Educator Preparation Program was reviewed by a CAEP site visit team. Per Alaska's CAEP agreement, the department participated in the site visit as an observer.
- In April, the CAEP Accreditation Board reviewed the recommendations of the site visit team and granted accreditation status to the APU Initial Educator Preparation Program.
- CAEP's Accreditation Action Report indicates the APU Initial Educator Preparation Program met the five CAEP standards. *The report identified no stipulations and three area for improvement. The previous areas for improvement under NCATE were removed. APU is required to report annual its progress in the areas identified for improvement to maintain its CAEP accreditation status.*
- The following items can be found behind this cover memo:
 - APU's CAEP accreditation letter; and,
 - APU's CAEP accreditation action report.
- Susan McKenzie, Director, Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, and Sondra Meredith, Administrator, Teacher Education and Certification, will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 9.