

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

**March 11, 2025**

**From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 15**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to approve the Renewal Charter of the American Charter Academy School, Academy K-12 Public Charter School, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Birchtree Charter School, Rilke Schule German Immersion Charter School, Hooper Bay Charter School, Midnight Sun Family Learning Center and Aurora Borealis Charter for a period of ten years, terminating on June 30, 2035.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- On December 4, 2024, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board approved the American Charter Academy reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On December 4, 2024, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board approved the Academy K-12 Public Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On November 11, 2024, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board approved the Effie Kokrine Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On December 4, 2024, the Matanuska Susitna School Board approved the Birchtree Charter School Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On November 19, 2024, the Anchorage School District Board approved the Rilke Schule German Immersion Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On September 24, 2024, the Lower Yukon Regional School Board approved the Hooper Bay Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On December 4, 2024, the Matanuska Susitna School Board approved the Midnight Sun Family Learning Center reapplication for a period of ten years.
- On November 18, 2024, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District approved the Aurora Borealis Charter School reapplication for a period of ten years.
  
- This action is supported by the local school district(s).
  
- Charter schools also require approval from the State Board of Education and Early Development.

**◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the approve the renewal Charters for American Charter Academy School, Academy K-12 Public Charter School, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Birchtree Charter School, Rilke Schule German Immersion Charter School, Hooper Bay Charter School, Midnight Sun Family Learning Center and Aurora Borealis Charter for a period of ten years.

**◆ SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early approve the renewal Charters for American Charter Academy School, Academy K-12 Public Charter School, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Birchtree Charter School, Rilke Schule German Immersion Charter School, Hooper Bay Charter School, Midnight Sun Family Learning Center and Aurora Borealis Charter for a period of ten years.