

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

**October 8, 2024**

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

**Agenda Item: 11B**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to open a 30-day public comment period for the revisions to 4 AAC 03.025(c). Advisory members of state board. The revisions change the nomination and selection processes for the student advisory member elect.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- The current practice for candidate selection is for the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) to nominate not less than three and no more than five students who have not reached the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each nomination from AASG includes a list of students with a statement of their qualifications as well as a letter from each nominee outlining their qualifications for the appointment.
- The State Board of Education and Early Development has requested that students not associated with the AASG have the opportunity to serve as the student advisory member elect.
- Changes in the regulations included requiring AASG to provide at least three and no more than five nominees as well as directing the department to open an application period for students who have not reached the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are not associated with AASG. At least three and no more than five nominations from the open application period will be reviewed by the State Board of Education and Early Development. The board will then select the candidate for appointment to the student advisory member elect.
- Susan Sonneborn, Assistant Attorney General, will be present to brief the board.

**◆ OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 14B.