

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

October 09, 2024

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 14C

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to consider opening a period of public comment on proposed regulations addressing an Office of Education Advocacy.

◆ BACKGROUND

- An initiative proposed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to create an Office of Education Advocacy that will provide information and resources regarding educational issues to stakeholders, including parents, community members, and educational organizations. This office will work with the various teams within the department to create a centralized point of contact to receive information and resources to assist in navigating the educational processes in the state.
- The Office of Education Advocacy will serve as a contact resource, funneling questions to appropriate teams, and helping parents of students connect with proper channels for support.
- Staff of this office will assist stake holders in navigating Alaska's education system; providing information and support on educational rights and policies; and referring issues to the appropriate department or agency.
- A copy of the proposed regulations will be made available upon approval of the Department Law.
- Commissioner Deena Bishop will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

Seek more information.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development open a 30-day public comment period for the proposed regulations regarding the Office of Education Advocacy, pending Department of Law review and approval.