RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

in support of establishing the State of Alaska Blue and Gold Ribbon School Recognition Program

Resolution 02-2026

WHEREAS, the federal National Blue-Ribbon Schools Program, administered by the United States Department of Education, historically recognized public and private schools demonstrating high academic achievement or success in closing achievement gaps, and was formally concluded in August 2025 with the 2024 cycle serving as the final awardees; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development (SBOE) values the importance of recognizing and celebrating exemplary public schools that demonstrate strong academic outcomes and meaningful student growth; and

WHEREAS, the proposed State of Alaska Blue and Gold Ribbon School Recognition Program will recognize schools demonstrating:

(1) exemplary high academic performance; and

(2) significant student growth or measurable progress in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a state-level recognition program promotes awareness of effective educational practices, celebrates school success, and encourages continuous improvement across Alaska's public education system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the SBOE establishes the State of Alaska Blue and Gold Ribbon School Recognition Program to honor exemplary Alaska public schools demonstrating high academic performance or significant progress in closing achievement gaps; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the SBOE directs DEED to develop and administer an application, review, and selection process aligned to the former National Blue Ribbon Schools Program framework using statewide accountability data and transparent eligibility criteria; and

ADOPTED by the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development at a regular open public meeting held the eleventh day of March 2026.

ATTEST: Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development



Sally Stockhausen, Chair