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Subject: School Year 2009-2010 Adequate Yearly Progress Timelines

This memorandum provides you and your staff with information necessary to understand how the state will calculate adequate yearly progress (AYP) as well as the timeline for calculating and reporting.

Performance Component

The performance component of AYP, which includes mathematics and reading/writing, will be based on the Standards Based Assessments (SBAs) for grades 3-10 and the Alaska Alternate Assessment for grades 3-10.

AYP Calculations

As outlined on the following page, the department will be completing all AYP calculations and providing preliminary designations by July 1, 2010. Data from the grades 3-10 SBAs are available to all districts through the Data Recognition Corporation online reporting system. Each district test coordinator has received training on how to retrieve these data. You may request data for the proficiency levels for the Alaska Alternate Assessment from the department. These data allow your district to complete calculations of AYP on your own should this be something you wish to do. After June 18, 2009 you may email requests for the Alaska Alternate Assessment data and proposed proficiency levels to Karen Lipson, Assessment Research Analyst, at karen.lipson@alaska.gov.

Growth Model

The state will calculate adequate yearly growth using the U.S. Department of Education approved growth model as outlined in 4 AAC 06.805 (b) (1) and 4 AAC 06.812. The state anticipates releasing these results shortly after the public release of the regular adequate yearly progress designations. If a school has not met AYP in initial calculations, but does meet AYP under the growth model, the school AYP designation will change. Because the growth model is very restrictive, the state does not anticipate that schools will meet the growth model if they do not meet the regular AYP model.

2010 Timeline for AYP Designations and Related Actions

July 1 — Release to school districts	Preliminary AYP designations - this release is for the purpose of district review, and not a release to the public of designations.
July 12 — District deadline	For notice of intent to provide supporting detail contending an error for statistical or other substantive reason regarding AYP designation; all evidence supporting contention is due by July 22 .
July 15 — District deadline	Summer OASIS due, which is required to complete the calculation of the other indicator (graduation rate and attendance rate). Districts are encouraged to submit this file early.
Week of August 9 — Release to public (Tentative)	Statewide adequate yearly progress results

If a designation may cause a school within the district to face sanctions regarding school choice, the department will work with districts to reconcile and come to an agreement so that the above timeline does not interfere with any required notice to parents.

If you have any questions concerning adequate yearly progress, please contact Peggy Corazza, Data Manager, at 465-8418 or margaret.corazza@alaska.gov.

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