



State Board approves regulations, proposes others

(June 11, 2007) The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting June 7 in Anchorage, approved three regulations and put out for public comment six regulation proposals.

The board adopted regulations related to state agencies' retention and preservation of electronic records, amended and adopted amended state regulations in response to federal regulations for the new Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, and corrected a reference in regulation to the accrediting body the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The board opened a period of public comments on proposed regulations that would:

- amend the department's Participation Guidelines for Alaska Students in State Assessments by updating the edition and adding information regarding science assessment;
- amend teacher certification to add a requirement for the Alaska Reading course;
- amend the designation of, and qualifying scores for, teacher competency exams to accept exams taken in other states;
- establish proficiency scores for the alternate assessment and repeal and readopt alternate performance standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities;
- establish a work ready/college ready transitional skills curriculum and assessments;
- and establish regulations to implement a growth model as part of the state's accountability system under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

In other actions, the board named Esther Cox as chair, Shirley Holloway as vice chair, and Patrick Shier as second vice chair. Their terms begin July 1, 2007, and end June 30, 2008.

The board also set meeting dates and locations for the upcoming fiscal year: a July 30, 2007, teleconference; September 21, 2007, in Anchorage; an October 26, 2007, teleconference; December 7, 2007, in Anchorage; a January 25, 2008, teleconference; March 27-28, 2008, in Juneau; and June 6, 2008, at a location to be determined.

The board packet can be found at [www.eed.state.ak.us/State Board/](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/).

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