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State Board adopts science assessment cut scores

JUNEAU – The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting July 25, 2008, by teleconference, approved two regulations and sent out for public comment a proposed regulation.

The board adopted proficiency-level scores for the Alaska science standards-based assessment and for the science alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. These tests are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act but are not part of the law's accountability system for schools and school districts.

The board sent out for public comment a proposed regulation that would repeal use of the videotape/DVD performance review for: a) teachers moving from initial certification to professional certification, and b) for meeting requirements of the alternate method of demonstrating that teachers are highly qualified.

The board also approved Commissioner Larry LeDoux's appointment of Cynthia Curran as Director of Teaching and Learning Support. She has served as Administrator of Teacher Education and Certification.

"Ms. Curran is an extraordinary educator and will make an outstanding Director of the Division of Teaching & Learning Support," LeDoux said. "Ms. Curran's experience in rural and urban Alaska, along with her years of experience here in the department as a content expert and administrator, will be of great benefit to the division, department, and state."

"I also wish to thank Paul Prussing for serving as the Acting Director for TLS over the past year and a half. Mr. Prussing advanced the department's education initiatives and contributed greatly in the areas of school and district improvement."

For the board packet, see: [www.eed.state.ak.us/State Board/](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/) and click on July 25.

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