

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

June 8, 2022

From: Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 4

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to approve the initial application of the Knik Cultural Charter School for a ten-year (10) period.

◆ BACKGROUND

- On December 15, 2021, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District's Board of Education approved the Knik Cultural Charter School for ten (10) years.
- Behind this memo is an executive summary of the charter school application and the local school board minutes approving the application. DEED's review team found the application adequately addresses the established review criteria in meeting the charter school statutes and regulations.
- Deb Riddle, Division Operations Manager with the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, will be present to brief the board.
- Carl Chamblee, Tribal Education Specialist of the Knik Cultural Charter School, will be present to speak to this item.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 10.