

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

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From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 7B

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve final adoption on proposed regulations addressing Alaska Native Language Standards 4 AAC 06.140 Alaska Native Language for K-3 Reading Standards.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The Alaska Native Language Arts K-3 Reading Standards were developed to reflect the worldview of Alaska Native peoples and to improve reading proficiency. These standards were developed by Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) in collaboration with TIDES Education Associates and a group of statewide Indigenous stakeholders.
- The project started in December 2023 when SHI was awarded the contract for developing the standards and was completed in September of 2024.
- The standards were developed to work hand-in-hand with a literacy screener aligned with indigenous languages in Alaska to support language immersion programs across the state. The Alaska Reads Act directed the department to work with districts to create screeners to support indigenous language education efforts.
- The board previously opened a 30-day public comment period on these proposed regulations. No public comments were received.
- A copy of the proposed regulations can be found behind the cover memo.

◆ OPTIONS

Seek more information.

Adopt the proposed regulations in business item 14B.