

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
UPDATE LIBRARY STANDARDS IN THE REGULATIONS OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The proposed amendments would adopt updated standards for library and information literacy.

The Department of Education and Early Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 4 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with library and information literacy standards. The current Library/Information Literacy Standards have not been updated since 1999. The proposed library and information literacy standards are adopted by reference in 4 AAC 04.170 as *Alaska School Library Framework for Learners, 2020 Edition*, based on standards developed by the American Association of School Librarians.

The Department of Education and Early Development invites the public to submit written comments during the written comment period, which begins with the date of this notice and ends on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. The written comment period closes in advance of the meeting of the State Board of Education and Early Development at which the board will consider the adoption of the proposed regulations. This allows the Department of Education and Early Development an opportunity to prepare changes based on written comment and to distribute any proposed changes to the board for its consideration prior to the meeting.

You may comment in writing on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Commissioner's Office, Department of Education and Early Development, Attn: Regulations Review, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500. You also may submit written comments by facsimile at (907) 465-4156; by electronic mail to [rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov](mailto:rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov) and online at the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>. Written comments also may be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link.

**All written comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2020.**

**After the written comment period has ended, you may submit oral comments to the State Board of Education and Early Development at a hearing to be held by the board on September 16, 2020, by audio-conference.** The teleconferencing facilities will be operated from the Department of Education and Early Development Commissioner's Office Conference Room, 801 West Tenth Street, Juneau, AK 99801. The hearing will be held from 8:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. but may be extended. To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in-person attendance will not be permitted.

You may submit oral comments at this hearing, during this time only, using a call-in number to be provided for an Internet platform that has not yet been selected. DEED is currently considering a change in the online platform to be used for its teleconferenced State Board meetings, so the call-in information is not yet available. The call-in information, when it becomes available, will be published in a supplemental notice. The call-in information will also be included in the public notice for the September 16, 2020 meeting, which will be published in the *Anchorage Daily News* and the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System approximately 10 days before the September 16, 2020 meeting. The call-in information may also be obtained when it becomes available by calling the Office of the Commissioner at (907) 465-2802.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Rochelle Lindley at [rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov](mailto:rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov) or the Department of Education and Early Development, Attn: Rochelle Lindley, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500. If a question is relevant to the proposed change in the regulations and the question is received by August 15, 2020, which is ten days before the end of the public comment period, the department will make a good faith effort to answer the question before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Education and Early Development will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>. The Department of Education and Early Development may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the ten day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Rochelle Lindley at (907) 465-6535 or [rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov](mailto:rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov) not later than August 15, 2020, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, on the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>, and by contacting Rochelle Lindley at [rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov](mailto:rochelle.lindley@alaska.gov) or 907-465-6535.

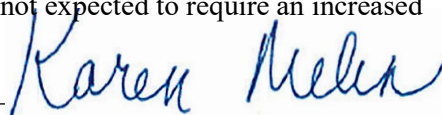
After the public comment period ends, the Department of Education and Early Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory authority:** AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.060,

**Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific:** AS 14.03.015, AS 14.03.120, AS 14.07.160

**Fiscal information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: 7/21/20

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Karen Melin, Deputy Commissioner