



RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

in support of alternative pathways to certification

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WHEREAS, Alaska is experiencing a teacher shortage; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's teacher turnover by district has averaged from 10% to over 30% annually across the state; and

WHEREAS, high teacher turnover negatively impacts students, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska can improve our education system to better meet the needs of students, parents, employees, employers, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education and Early Development supports efforts by the Department of Education and Development to:

- a. Identify fiscal resources that can be used to support alternative certificate programs in Alaska; as recommended by the Teacher Recruitment and Retention (TRR) subcommittee on Alternative Certification Programs;
- b. Identify regulatory changes that would allow for additional teacher preparation programs to be allowed in Alaska; and
- c. Develop a Request for Information (RFI) for the development of an alternative teacher education program that:
 - i. Addresses identified gaps in teacher preparation programs offerings in Alaska;
 - ii. Incorporates the latest research and best practices in teacher preparation;
 - iii. Complies with the federal requirements for a registered apprenticeship;
 - iv. Utilizes a model standards-based curriculum that aligns all required coursework with practicum experiences; and
 - v. Complies with existing statutes and regulations (i.e AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.308).

ADOPTED January xx, 2023

James Fields, Chair

On behalf of the State Board of Education and Early Development