

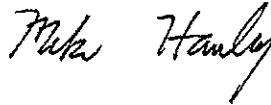
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MEMORANDUM NUMBER 2014-014

To: All parties interested in the regulations of the Department of Education & Early Development



From: Mike Hanley, Commissioner

Date: June 17, 2014

Subject: Opening a period of public comment on proposed amendments to 4 AAC 06.710-.790 Statewide student assessment

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Education & Early Development proposes to repeal the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam and require students to take SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys assessments, in accordance with House Bill 278, signed into law in May 2014. The department also proposes to adopt Alaska's most recent accommodations for students who take WorkKeys assessments.

The Department of Education & Early Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 4 of the Alaska Administrative Code 4 AAC 06.710, Statewide student assessment system to 4 AAC 06.790 Definitions, which may include issues such as the following:

- Eliminate regulations associated with the High School Qualifying Exam;
- require students seeking a diploma to take the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys tests once in 11th grade or 12th grade;
- adopt by reference the *Alaska Supplement for WorkKeys Assessment*, dated June 2014.

You may comment 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 & Early Development, Attn: Regulations Review, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500. Comments may also be submitted via fax, (907) 465-4156, or via the Internet, at

<https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>. **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., August 15, 2014.**

Oral comments may be submitted at a hearing to be held on September 18, 2014, at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska. This hearing will begin at 8:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 7:55 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. You may also comment at this meeting, during this time only, via the Legislative Information Office streaming by calling **1-855-463-5009 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 463-5009. This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> beginning at 8:00 a.m. on September 18, 2014 (audio only).**

Persons may also comment at the oral hearing via the following Legislative Information Offices: Anchorage, 733 W 4th Ave., Ste. 100; Barrow, 119 Bank Bldg.; Bethel, 301 Willow St.; Cordova, 705 Second Street; Fairbanks, 1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308; Juneau, Rm. 111 Terry Miller Bldg. State Capitol; Kenai, 145 Main St. Loop, Ste. 217; Ketchikan, 1900 First Avenue, Ste. 310; Kodiak, 305 Center Ave., Ste. 1; Kotzebue, 373 2nd St., Pillautuq Centre; Mat-Su, 600 E Railroad Ave.; Nome 103 Front St.; Seward, 302 Railway Ste. 107; Sitka, 201 Katlian St., Ste. 103; Unalaska, 029 Airport Beach Rd., No. 03-01.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Eric Fry at 465-2851, or eric.fry@alaska.gov, no later than 10 days before the accommodation is needed, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the regulation changes, go to <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm> or contact the Commissioner's Office at the Department of Education & Early Development, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500, email eric.fry@alaska.gov, or by calling 907-465-2851.

After the public comment period ends, the State Board of Education & Early Development will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.060

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 14.03.127, AS 14.03.075, AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.060, AS 14.03.123, AS 14.04.075.

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

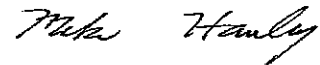
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DATE: June 17, 2014



Mike Hanley
Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Education & Early Development
2. General subject of regulation: Statewide student assessment
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 4 AAC 06.710-.790
4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2014200459
5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - ☐ compliance with federal law
 - ☒ compliance with new or changed state statute
 - ☐ compliance with court order
 - ☐ development of program standards
 - ☐ other: (please list) _____
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Assessment, Accountability & Information Management
7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars)

	Initial Year FY14	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capital Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
1002 Federal receipts	\$ 0	\$ 0
1003 General fund match	\$ 0	\$ 0
1004 General fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
1005 General fund/ program	\$ 0	\$ 0
1037 General fund/ mental health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0

8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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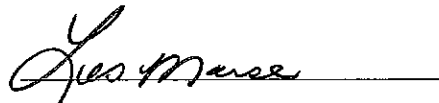
Telephone 907-465-8686
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9. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ staff of state agency
☐ federal government
☐ general public
☐ petition for regulation change
☐ other (please list): _____

10. Date: June 17, 2014

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