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**State Board Approves AdvancED Standards and SLABEL Endorsement Program**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting September 13-14, 2018 in Sitka, approved the AdvancED amended regulation to 4 AAC 04.300 Standards for State Accreditation of Schools. The amendment inserts the new AdvancED published document *AdvancED Performance Standards for Schools* in place of the outdated document which is adopted by reference.

The board approved the Statewide English as a Second Language Acquisition, Bilingual, and Literacy Education (SLABEL) endorsement program and approved appointments to the Alaska Museum Collections Advisory Committee (MCAC).

The board sent out for public comment proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 31 School Facility Planning and Construction. The amendments accomplish needed clean-up work in several areas, codify current work practices, propose improvements to the capital project administration process and propose limits on funding.

The board also sent out for public comment proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 31 School Facility Planning and Construction that would add a new subsection 4 AAC 31.080(i) and amend other related sections to implement requirements for commissioning on certain school capital projects.

The next board meeting will be held on October 24 by audio conference.

[The packet for the September 13-14 board meeting](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/Board-Packet.pdf) is available at https://education.alaska.gov/State\_Board/pdf/Board-Packet.pdf

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