

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

December 5, 2024

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 3

◆ ISSUE

Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism Discussion

◆ BACKGROUND

- Research shows that missing more than ten percent of school, or about eighteen days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects.
- Chronic absenteeism is calculated for each school as part of the System for School Success, Alaska's accountability system as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act. The chronic absenteeism indicator looks at the percentage of students who missed less than ten percent of the days in which a student was enrolled at the school. More information on the System for School Success indicators can be found at: <https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability>.
- Student attendance information is collected in the Summer OASIS data collection for the previous year. School districts report the total number of days that a student attended school. It is recorded based upon the percent of the student's normal scheduled instructional day. It does not include in-service days, teacher workdays, holidays, vacation days, and parent teacher conference days.
- Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner, will provide a presentation.

◆ OPTIONS

No action needed