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Dear Superintendents,

I hope your fall semester is off to a great start. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming ASA Fall Meeting.

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) team and I are already preparing data for our Report to the Legislature, which is set for February. This year, additional information is requested for Correspondence Schools in the State Board of Education *Annual Report to the Legislature* per [HB 202 \(Chapter 47, SLA 24\) AS 14.07.168](#). More specifically, these five items will be reported for this year (as the statute will expire June 30, 2025).

[HB 202 \(Chapter 47, SLA 24\) AS 14.07.168](#) states, in part:

e. The department or a district that provides a correspondence study program shall submit an annual report to the department that includes

1. the number of students enrolled in the program;
2. the demographic information of the students enrolled in the program;
3. an accounting of student allotment funds that have been disbursed;
4. assessment and proficiency scores of the students enrolled in the program; and
5. a review of curricula that have been provided by the program or purchased using allotment funds.

The Department already has the data for items one, two, and four. I will be sending out an invitation to superintendents for a meeting on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM gather your input on the other data pieces, and to discuss how you would prefer to report this information. As a former superintendent working with correspondence study schools and programs, I know that this data is gathered at the local level in your information systems. My goal is to hear from you on how you would like this data gathered and displayed. All superintendents are welcome to attend to provide input.

Following are other pieces of information you may find valuable.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deena M. Bishop".

Deena M. Bishop Ed. D.  
Commissioner