




## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Robyn Burke, President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator/Superintendent 

**FROM:** Caitlin Santos, Director of Curriculum & Instruction 

**DATE:** November 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** AK Reads Act Workshop

**Memo No. SB24-063**  
(Informational Item)

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#### 2020-2025 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A State of Alaska Requirement – New Legislation

#### Issue Summary:

The Department of Education & Early Development is responsible for supporting and training pre-kindergarten through third grade teachers, curriculum specialists, and other educators by providing evidence-based instructional strategies on literacy. In June 2022, Governor Mike Dunleavy signed the Alaska Reads Act into law, creating four components to support early literacy. These four components of the Alaska Reads Act, together with Department efforts previously underway, are both incorporated into **Alaska's Strategic Reading Plan**. The four components are as follows:

- District Reading Intervention Plan
- Department Reading Program
- Early Education Programs
- Alaska Distance Learning Consortium (TBD)

#### Background:

The NSBSD Department of Curriculum & Instruction is in the first year of our implementation of, and compliance with the Alaska Reads Act. While the district has had a strong RTI/MTSS program and plan in place for over a decade, the Reads Act requires us to not only increase our documentation on Student Reading progress, it also requires us to have more communication with parents about their child's reading progress in grades K-3.

While the Reads Act has four components, the parts and pieces that have a present and clear impact on our processes is the District Intervention Plan. Our District Intervention Plan was updated, and submitted to the state for approval over the summer. Our plan was approved with no changes necessary. This plan was then communicated to principals and teachers, and also with the community through several radio shows. We have also updated our website to include more information for various stakeholder groups.

The attached slide deck will outline compliance measures, including required documentation in EdHub, parent communication, assessment changes, and changes to teacher certification (in the coming years).

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