

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

**March 16, 2023**

**From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 6A**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The Board is being asked to approve the application of Highland Academy Charter School for a ten-year (10) period.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- On November 1, 2022, the Anchorage School District's Board of Education approved Highland Academy Charter School for ten (10) years.
- Behind this memo is an executive summary of the charter school application and the local school board minutes approving the renewal. DEED's review team found the application adequately addresses the established review criteria in meeting the charter school statutes and regulations.
- Deb Riddle, Division Operations Manager with the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, will be present to brief the board.
- Amelia Johnson, Principal of Highland Academy Charter School, will be present to speak to this item.

**◆ OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 10A.