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TO: High School Principals  
Athletic/Activities Directors  
Superintendents  
School Board Presidents

FROM: Billy Strickland  
Executive Director

DATE: March 3, 2020

RE: Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Section 2.B

The Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors proposes to amend Association bylaws at its April 2020 meeting. Preceding the amendment is a short explanation of the proposal.

In amending the Bylaws, the Board of Directors will be using the following procedure:

Article 18, Bylaw Amendment, Section 1, Method, states:

“These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors sitting in regular session provided that at least 30 days advance notice has been mailed to the general membership.”

Section 2, Effective Date, states:

“Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these Bylaws take effect 30 days after their filing.”

Please review these proposed changes and if you wish, provide written comment by letter or email [billy@asaa.org](mailto:billy@asaa.org), to the ASAA office prior to the meeting.

#### Explanation

Currently students attending “brick and mortar” schools cannot change their “school of eligibility” without also changing where they attend. Therefore, it is not a good practice to do so mid-semester. Additionally, students attending alternative schools do not establish their “school of eligibility” until they participate, while “brick and mortar” student establish it by attending their school for 15 days.



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### Amendment

#### B. Alternative Schools of Member Districts

1. A student attending a non-member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence) during the first semester of ninth grade; and a student transferring from out-of- district who attends a non-member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence) after the first semester of the ninth grade, must designate a member school within the district as the School of Eligibility. **(ADD) In the event the student fails to designate a member school within 15 days of being enrolled in the alternative education program, the student's School of Eligibility will be the public school that, based on the residence of the parent or legal guardian, the student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative education program.**

2. The School of Eligibility of a student, other than a first semester freshman **(add) who has not attended a member school for 15 days**, who transfers to a non- member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence), from another school within that district, will be the member school from which the student transferred.

3. A student attending a non-member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence) whom wishes to change his/her School of Eligibility will be ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition at the new School of Eligibility for one calendar year, from **(add) the start of the next semester at the new School of Eligibility based on** the date of receipt by ASAA of the Application for Changing School of Eligibility form. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity team during the regular season but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments.