Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) Recasting:

Report to the Commissioner of Education and Early Development

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Introduction

A Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) is an educational area that is established in an unorganized borough of the state, as per AS 14.08.031(a).

Alaska Statutes at AS 14.08.051(c) require that, within 90 days of the Federal decennial census, the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) and the local communities, must review the school board apportionment scheme of each REAA to determine if it meets the standards contained at AS 14.08.051(a). The standard is that each school board member must represent, "as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons." Where the standard is not met, options are proposed to the public.

The 2020 Census Data was delayed from its normal spring release date due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was released in August 2021.

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) used these data to develop population maps and distributions for each of the 19 REAAs and, based on these new maps, developed recommendations for reapportionment or "recasting" of school board seats as outlined in AS 14.08.051(c).

On September 15, 2021, public notice was posted on the state Online Public Notice system for each of the state's REAAs including a description and maps of the current school board seats, possible options for recasting, and an invitation for public comment. Specific area notices and maps were also sent by mail and email to each school district on September 15, 2021. The public comment period closed at 5:00 pm on October 15, 2021.

On October 6, 2021 an invitation for public comment was emailed to the 245 entities on the DCRA municipality email list, including communities outside the boundaries of the REAAs.

A public hearing was held via video call from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on October 14, 2021. One verbal public comment was received during that hearing. That comment was also submitted in writing. Additional comments were received via telephone and e-mail during the public comment period. Each comment received is attached to the relevant REAA section below.

After the public comment and based on specific concerns raised in the comments received, one additional option for recasting was added to the Bering Strait and Southeast Island REAAs.

Statutory References

Sec. 14.08.031. Regional educational attendance areas.
(a) The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development in consultation with the Department of Education and Early Development and local communities shall divide the unorganized borough into educational service areas using the boundaries or sub-boundaries of the regional corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, unless by referendum a community votes to merge with another community contiguous to it but within the boundaries or sub-boundaries of another regional corporation.

(b) An educational service area established in the unorganized borough under (a) of this section constitutes a regional educational attendance area. As far as practicable, each regional educational attendance area shall contain an integrated socio-economic, linguistically and culturally homogeneous area. In the formation of the regional educational attendance areas, consideration shall be given to the transportation and communication network to facilitate the administration of education and communication between communities that comprise the area. Whenever possible, municipalities, other governmental or regional corporate entities, drainage basins, and other identifiable geographic features shall be used in describing the boundaries of the regional school attendance areas.

(c) Military reservation schools shall be included in a regional educational attendance area. However, operation of military reservation schools by a city or borough school district may be required by the department under AS 14.12.020(a) and AS 14.14.110. Where the operation of the military reservation schools in a regional educational attendance area by a city or borough school district is required by the department, the military reservation is not considered part of the regional educational attendance area for the purposes of regional school board membership or elections.

(d) [Repealed, § 42 ch 12 SLA 2006.]

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Sec. 14.08.051. School board sections.
(a) The commissioner in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the local communities may divide a regional educational attendance area into sections only for the purpose of nominating and electing regional school board members. If the voters in a regional educational attendance area favor election of regional school board members by sections under (b) of this section, the commissioner in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the local communities shall divide the regional educational attendance area into sections for the purpose of nominating and electing regional school board members. If a regional educational attendance area is divided into sections each school board member shall represent, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons. The basis for the division of a regional educational attendance area into sections shall be the total population of the area as reported in the most recent decennial federal census. If the census is five years old or older, then other reliable population data, including population estimates based on public

school enrollments, public utility connections, registered voters, or certified employment payrolls, shall be used as the basis for the division of the area into sections. Each section within a regional educational attendance area shall consist of compact, contiguous territory and, as far as practicable, each section shall contain an integrated socio-economic, linguistically and culturally homogeneous area. In the division of the regional school and attendance area into sections, consideration shall be given to the transportation and communication network to facilitate the administration of education and communication between communities that comprise the area. Whenever possible, municipalities, other governmental or regional corporate entities, drainage basins, and other identifiable geographic features shall be used in describing the boundaries of the sections.

(b) The division of a regional educational attendance area into sections or subsequent recasting of the section boundaries may be proposed by the regional school board or by a petition. The election of each regional school board member from a section by the voters of that section of a regional educational attendance area may be proposed by petition. A petition under this section shall be filed with the director of elections and must contain signatures of qualified voters in the area equal to eight percent of the total vote cast in the most recent regional school board election. The division of the area into sections, election of each regional school board member from a section by the voters of that section, or subsequent recasting of section boundaries is subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question in the regional educational attendance area at the next regular school board election or a special election called for that purpose, and takes effect at the next regular school board election.

(c) If a regional educational attendance area has been divided into sections, the commissioner shall recast the boundaries of the sections within 90 days following the official reporting of the decennial federal census in accordance with (a) of this section. If the census is five years old or older and other reliable population data acceptable to the department that establishes that board members do not represent as nearly as practicable equal numbers of people under the allocation of seats to a multi-member section under (d) of this section, the commissioner may reallocate the seats among the sections if reallocation will achieve as nearly as practicable equal representation. Reallocation of seats takes effect at the next regular board election after the reallocation.

(d) Multi-member sections may be created. However,

(1) each seat on the regional board shall be designated by letter or number and when the declaration of candidacy or other nomination papers of a candidate for the regional school board are filed those papers must indicate the seat that the candidate seeks; and

(2) except as provided in (f) of this section, a section may not be represented by more than

(A) three members, if a board consists of five members;

(B) four members, if a board consists of seven members;

(C) five members, if a board consists of nine members; or

(D) six members, if a board consists of 11 members.

(e) If a regional educational attendance area has been divided into sections, board members shall be residents of the section from which they are elected. Board members shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire regional educational attendance area, unless the voters have approved election of members by the voters of the section under (b) of this section.

(f) Upon the request of a regional school board, the commissioner may permit a section that contains more than one community to be represented by more board members than the number set out in (d)(2) of this section if the commissioner determines that

(1) the regional educational attendance area has had a pattern of substantial population fluctuations between geographic areas within the regional educational attendance area; and

(2) compliance with the requirements of (d)(2) of this section could result in continuous underrepresentation and overrepresentation of sections.

(g) In a regional educational attendance area section subject to (f) of this section, no more than two members may be elected from the same community unless the population distribution requires otherwise.

Individual REAA Notices, Maps, Options, and Recommendations

Invitation for Public Comment

Alaska Gateway

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

Alaska Statutes at AS 14.08.051(c) require that within 90 days of the Federal decennial census, the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the local communities, must review the school board apportionment scheme of each Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA) to determine if it meets the standards contained at AS 14.08.051(a). The standard is that each school board member must represent, "as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons."

A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Alaska Gateway REAA, the overall deviation is 26.89 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

The Alaska Gateway REAA has four sections containing a total of seven school board seats.

- Section I has one seat and includes the communities of Northway and Tetlin.
- Section II has four seats and includes the community of Tok.
- Section III has one seat and includes the communities of Dot Lake, Dot Lake Village, Mentasta Lake, and Tanacross.
- Section IV has one seat includes the City of Eagle and the communities of Alcan Border, Dry Creek, Chicken, and Eagle Village.

- Option B combines Sections I and IV, with the revised Section I having two board seats. Option B has an overall deviation of 9.15%.
- Option C moves Alcan Border and Chicken into Section I, moves Dry Creek, Eagle, Eagle Village, and Tetlin into Section III with the revised Section III having two board seats, and eliminates Section IV. Option C has an overall deviation of 12.19%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Alaska Gateway REAA is to implement Option B.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/

If you are interested in the apportionment of the Alaska Gateway REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

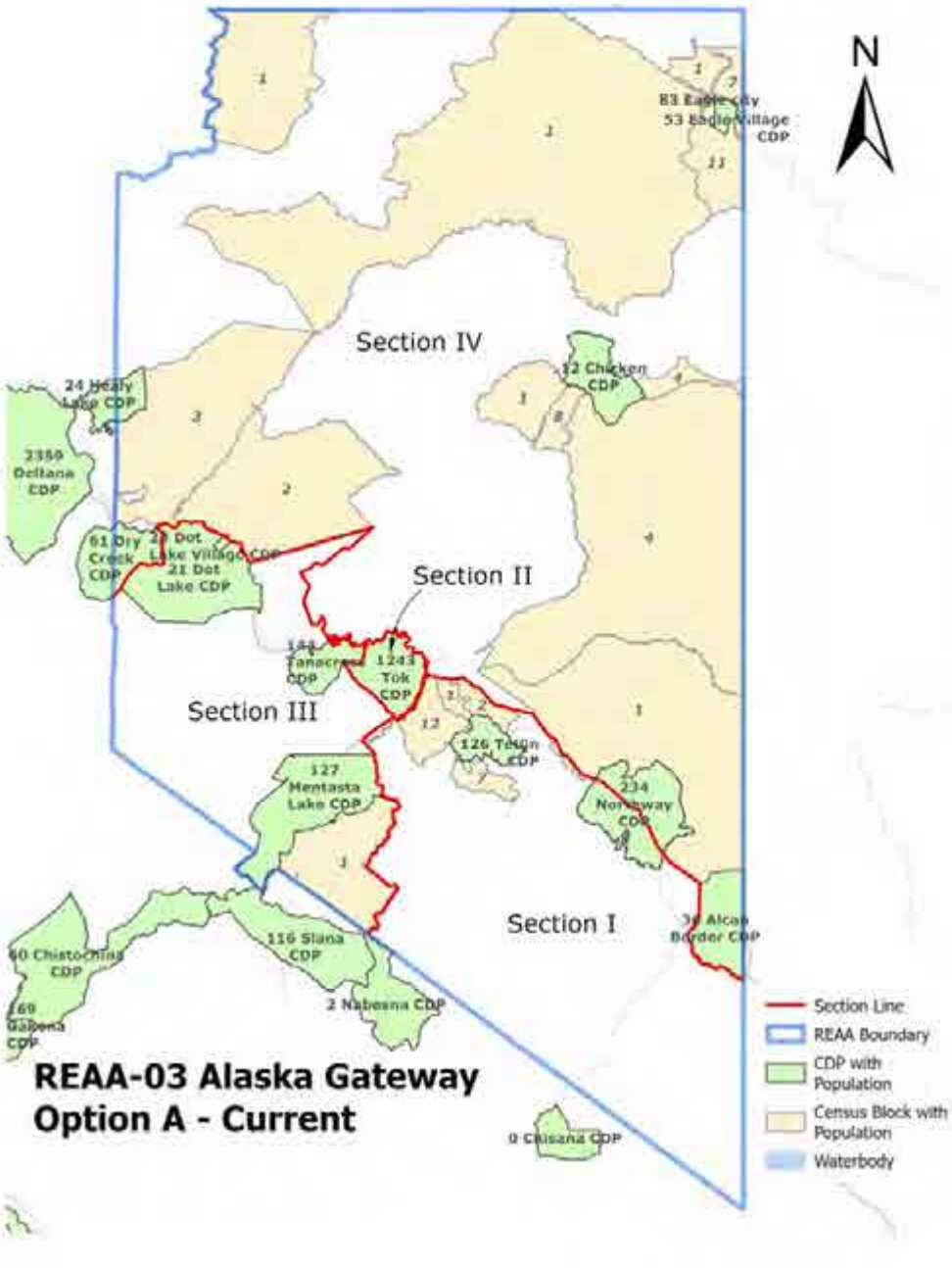
Verbal comments may be submitted by calling 907-465-5541 on October 11-15, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 am and noon, or by voicemail at that number.

Written comments should be emailed to reaa.recast.2020@alaska.gov or mailed to:
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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
PO Box 110809
Juneau AK 99811-0809

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Written comments must be received by October 15, 2021. Notice can be viewed on the State of Alaska web site at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/News.aspx

3. Alaska Gateway – Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	2239	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	320

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**383.0**	**19.74%**
Northway CDP	234				
Tetlin CDP	126				
Areas (W of Tetlin)	13				
Areas (N of Tetlin)	3				
Areas (S of Tetlin)	7				
Total	**383**				

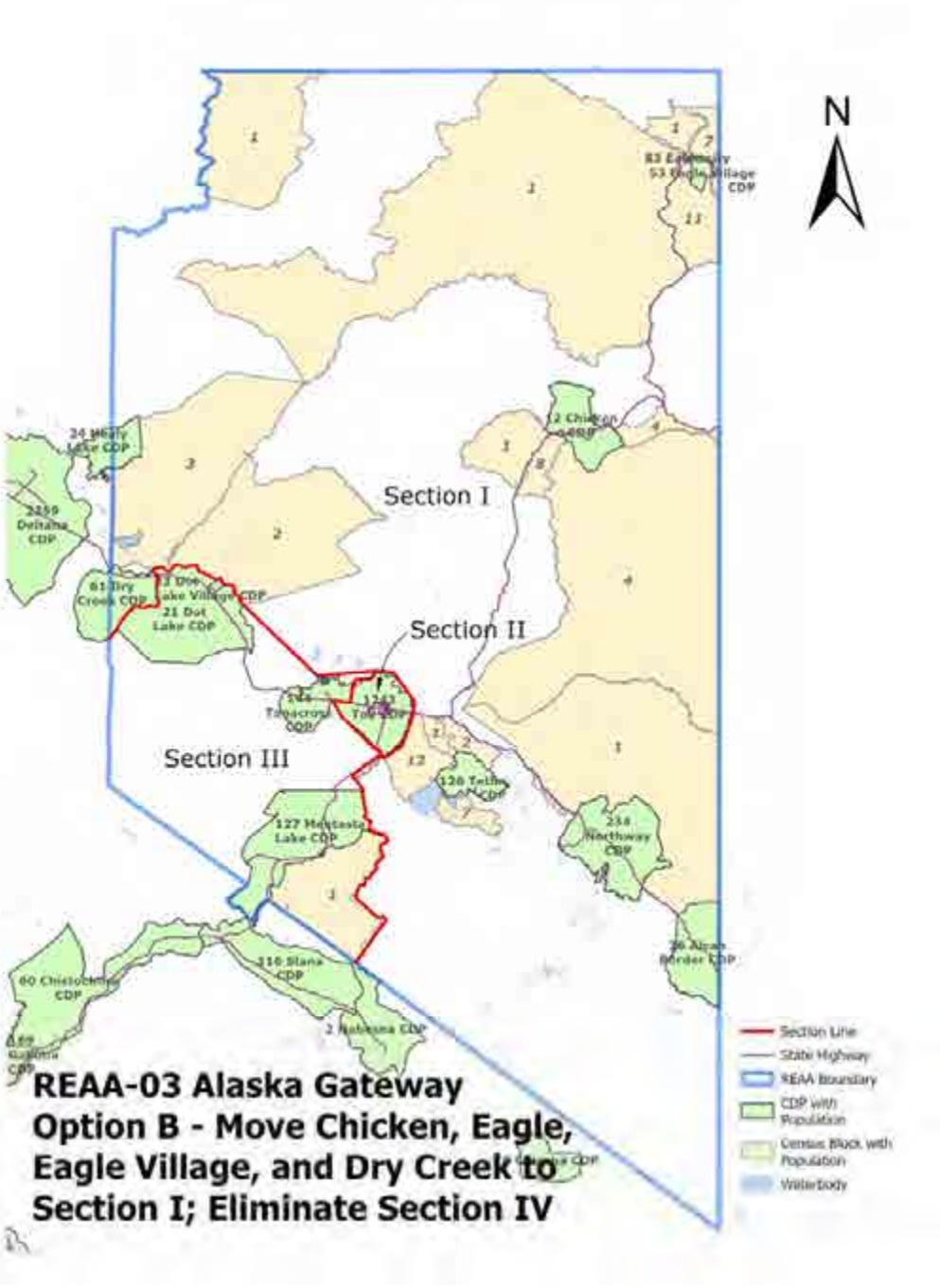
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**4**	**B C D E**	**310.75**	**-2.85%**
Tok CDP	1243				
Total	**1243**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**F**	**316**	**-1.21%**
Dot Lake CDP	21				
Dot Lake Village	23				
Mentasta Lake CDP	127				
Area (S of Mentasta Lake)	1				
Tanacross CDP	144				
Total	**316**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**1**	**G**	**297**	**-7.15%**
Chicken CDP	12				
Areas (S & SE of Chicken)	8				
Areas (SW of Chicken)	9				
Areas (N of Dot Lake)	5				
Eagle (City)	83				
Area (N of Eagle)	8				
Areas (S and W of Eagle)	14				
Area (Within Eagle)	7				
Eagle Village CDP	53				
Alcan Border CDP	36				
Areas (N & W of Northway)	3				
Dry Creek CDP (part)	59				
Total	**297**				

Spread:	**26.89%**

3. Alaska Gateway – Option B



Total Population:	2239	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	320

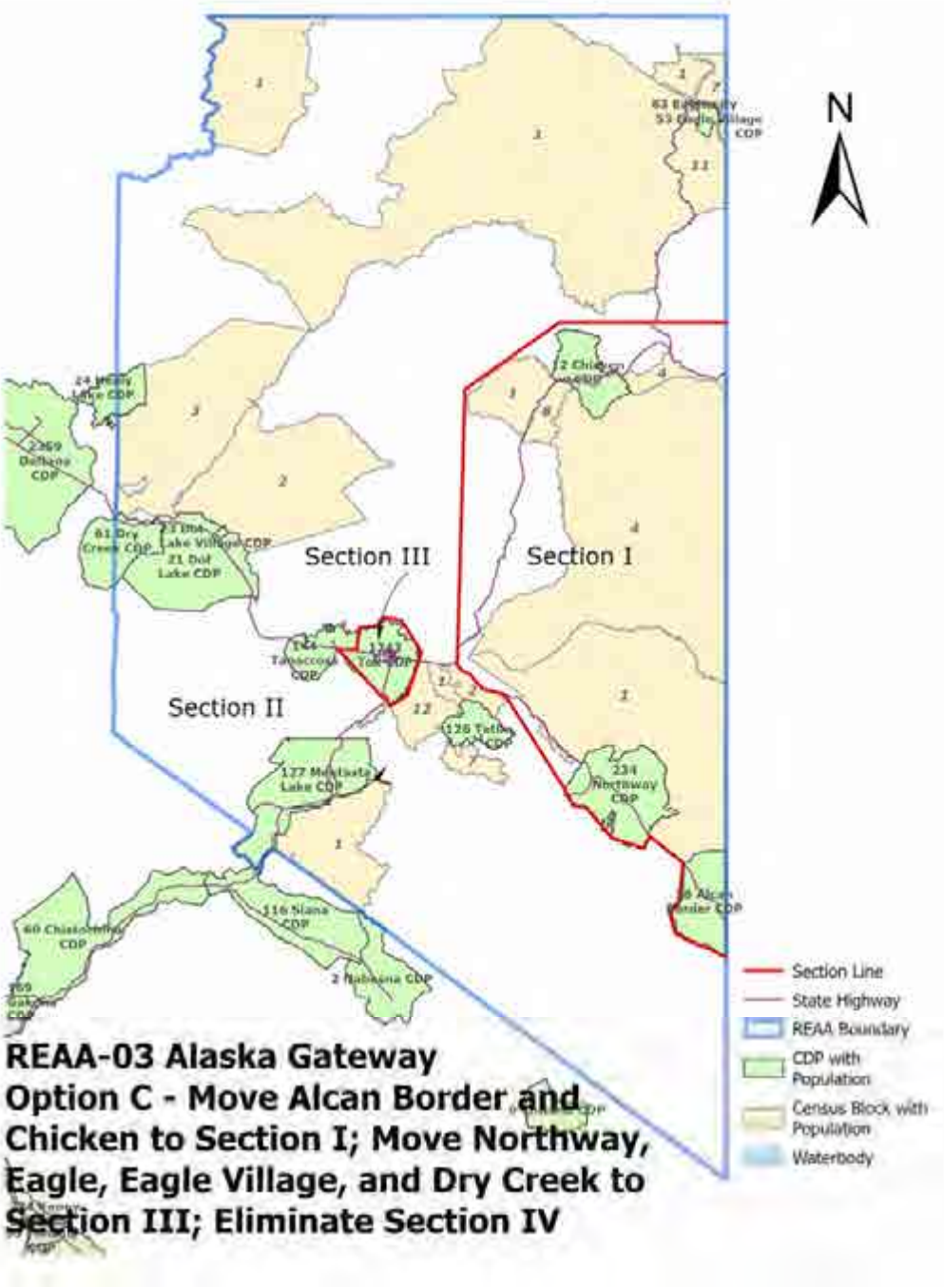
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**340.0**	**6.30%**
Northway CDP	234				
Tetlin CDP	126				
Alcan Border CDP	36				
Areas (W of Tetlin)	13				
Areas (N of Tetlin)	3				
Areas (S of Tetlin)	7				
Chicken CDP	12				
Areas (S & SE of Chicken)	8				
Areas (SW of Chicken)	9				
Areas (N of Dot Lake)	5				
Eagle (City)	83				
Area (N of Eagle)	8				
Areas (S and W of Eagle)	14				
Area (Within Eagle)	7				
Eagle Village CDP	53				
Areas (N & W of Northway)	3				
Dry Creek CDP (part)	59				
Total	**680**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**4**	**C D E F**	**310.75**	**-2.85%**
Tok CDP	1243				
Total	**1243**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**G**	**316**	**-1.21%**
Dot Lake CDP	21				
Dot Lake Village	23				
Mentasta Lake CDP	127				
Area (S of Mentasta Lake)	1				
Tanacross CDP	144				
Total	**316**				

Spread:	**9.15%**

3. Alaska Gateway – Option C



Total Population:	2239	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	320

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**306.0**	**-4.33%**
Northway CDP	234				
Alcan Border CDP	36				
Areas (S of Tetlin)	7				
Chicken CDP	12				
Areas (S & SE of Chicken)	8				
Areas (SW of Chicken)	9				
Total	**306**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**4**	**B C D E**	**310.75**	**-2.85%**
Tok CDP	1243				
Total	**1243**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**345**	**7.86%**
Dot Lake CDP	21				
Dot Lake Village	23				
Mentasta Lake CDP	127				
Area (S of Mentasta Lake)	1				
Tetlin CDP	126				
Areas (W of Tetlin)	13				
Areas (N of Tetlin)	3				
Areas (N of Dot Lake)	5				
Eagle (City)	83				
Area (N of Eagle)	8				
Areas (S and W of Eagle)	14				
Area (Within Eagle)	7				
Eagle Village CDP	53				
Areas (N & W of Northway)	3				
Dry Creek CDP (part)	59				
Tanacross CDP	144				
Total	**690**				

Spread	**12.19%**

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Alaska Gateway.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option B as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _B_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Alaska Gateway** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: _____November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Aleutian Region

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Aleutian Region REAA, the overall deviation is 107.94 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

The Aleutian Region REAA has two sections containing a total of five school board seats. Section I has two seats that include the City of Atka, the community of Nikolski, Attu Station, and Eareckson Station. Section II has three seats and contains the City of Adak.

- Option B keeps the same boundaries but assigns three seats to Section I and two seats to Section II, reducing the overall population deviation to 24.60%.
- Option C moves Adak into Section I and assigns three seats to that section while Eareckson Station moves to Section II and is assigned two seats. Option C has an overall population deviation of 26.44%.
- Option D moves Eareckson Station from Section I to a newly-formed Section III. Under Option D, Section I has one seat, Section II has two seats, and Section III has two seats. Option D has an overall population deviation of 30.62%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Aleutian Region REAA is to implement Option A. The reason for this recommendation is based on the distribution of students in Atka and Adak, and the lack of students in

Eareckson Station. Ten students were enrolled in Atka and fifteen in Adak in SY2021, so two seats representing the Atka region and three seats representing the Adak region is, arguably, the most equitable distribution despite the population deviation.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/

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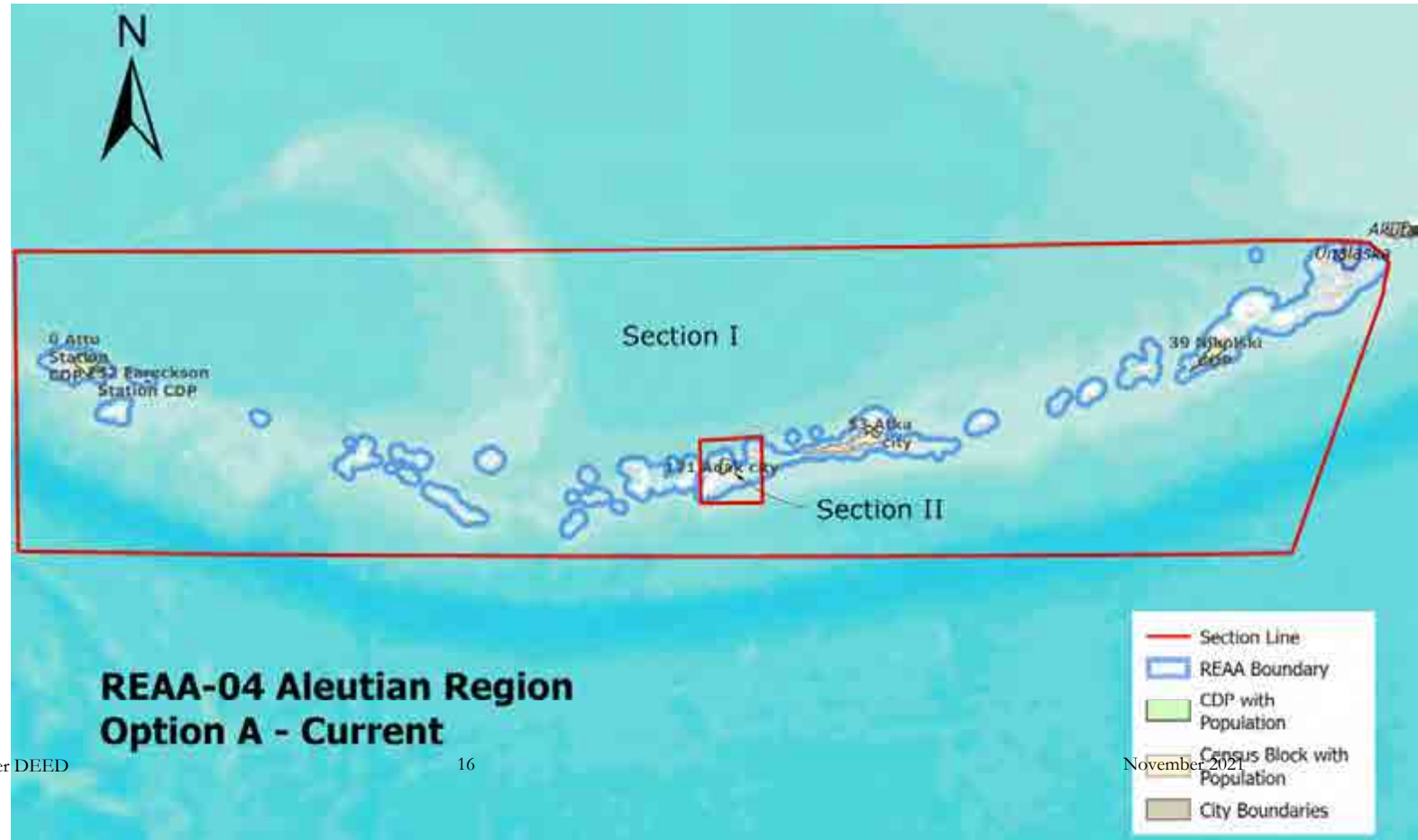
4. Aleutian Region – Option A (Status Quo)

Total Population:	498	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	100

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**163.5**	**64.16%**
Atka (City)	53				
Area (W of Atka)	3				
Attu Station CDP	0				
Eareckson Station	232				
Nikolski CDP	39				
Total	**327**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**56.0**	**-43.78%**
Adak (City)	171				
Total	**171**				

Spread:	**107.94%**



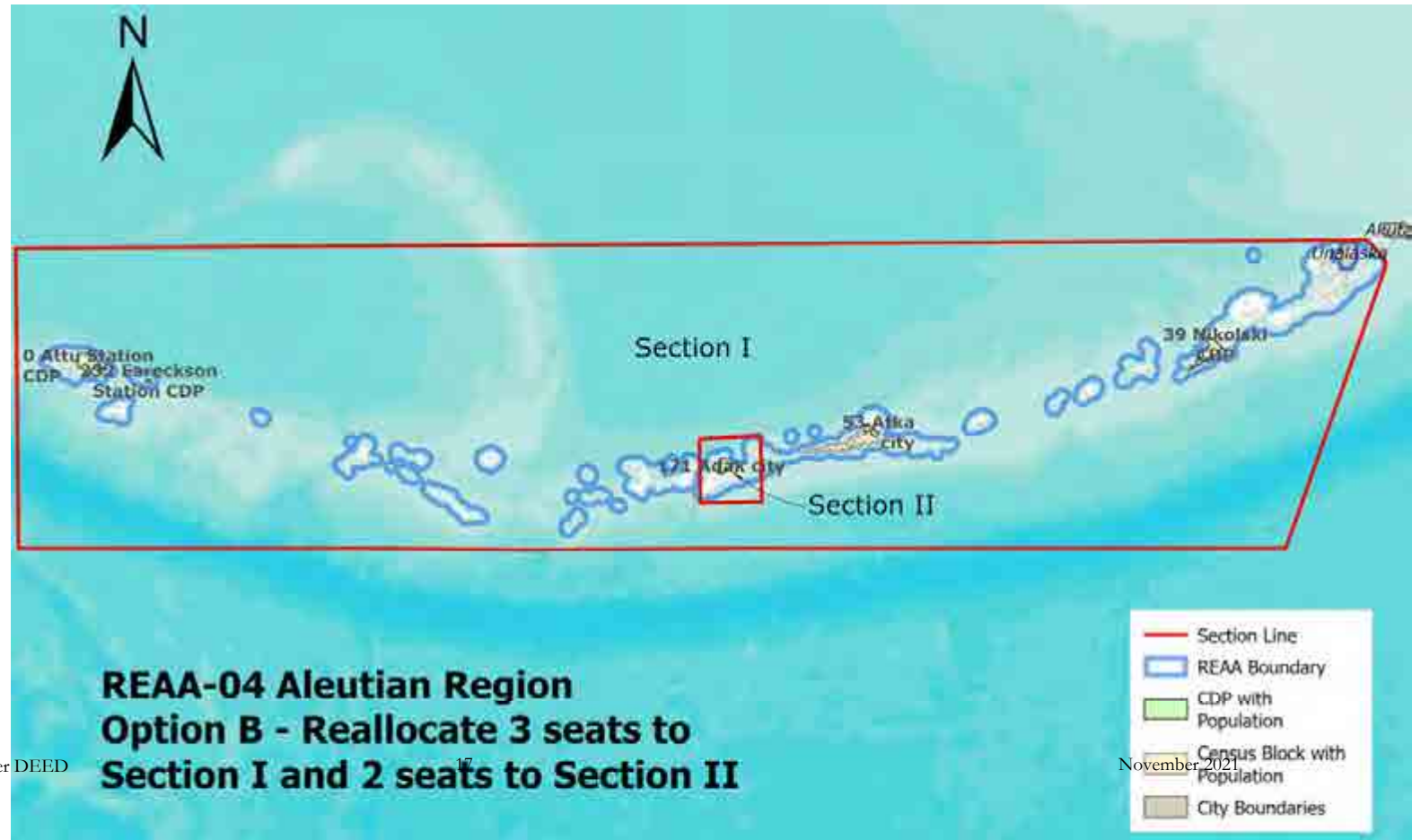
4. Aleutian Region – Option B

Total Population:	498	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	100

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**109.0**	**9.44%**
Atka (City)	53				
Area (W of Atka)	3				
Attu Station CDP	0				
Eareckson Station	232				
Nikolski CDP	39				
Total	**327**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**84.5**	**-15.16%**
Adak (City)	171				
Total	**171**				

Spread:	24.60%



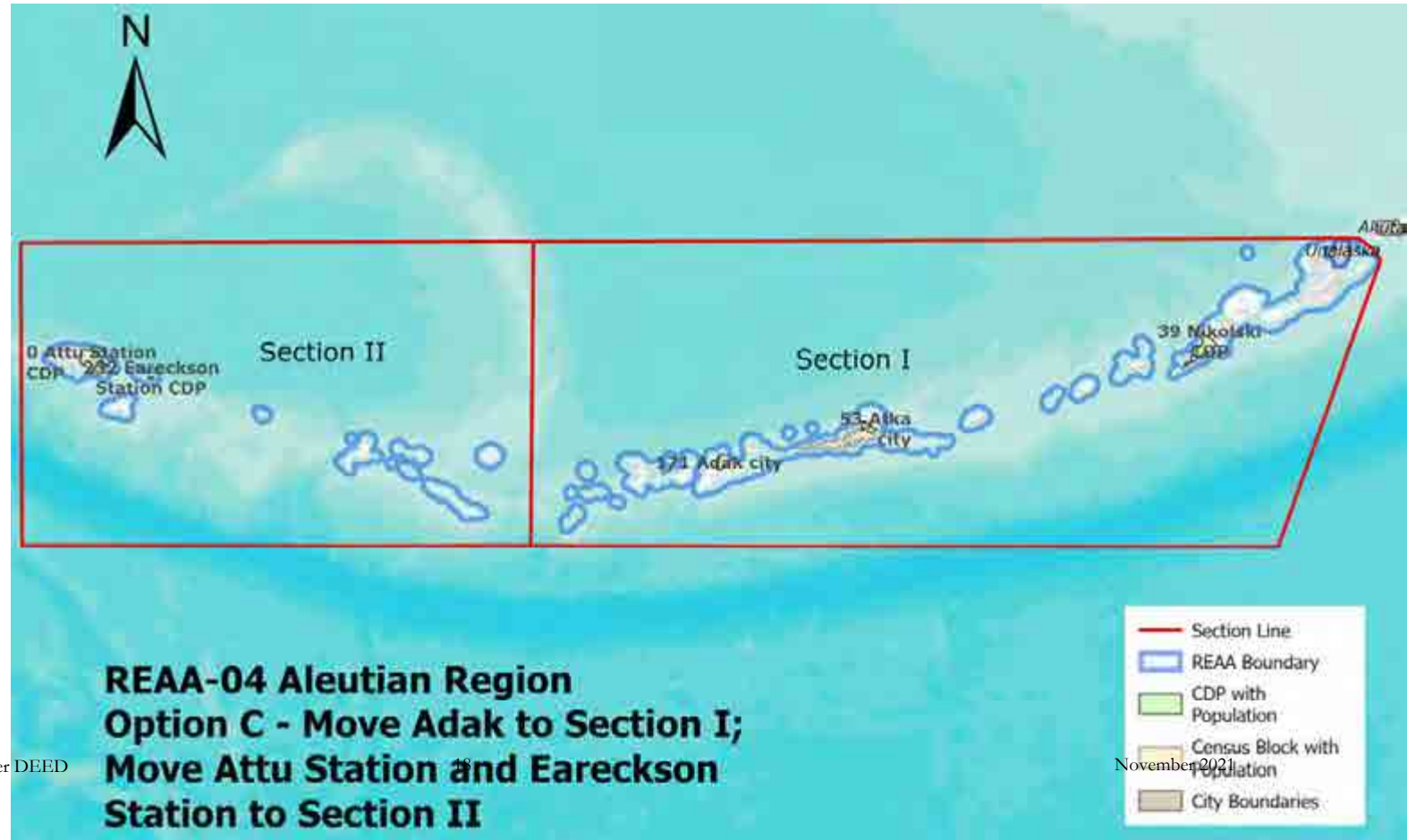
4. Aleutian Region – Option C

Total Population:	498	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	100

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**88.7**	**-10.98%**
Atka (City)	53				
Area (W of Atka)	3				
Adak	171				
Nikolski CDP	39				
Total	**266**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**115.0**	**15.46%**
Attu Station CDP	0				
Eareckson Station	232				
Total	**232**				

Spread:	26.44%



4. Aleutian Region – Option D

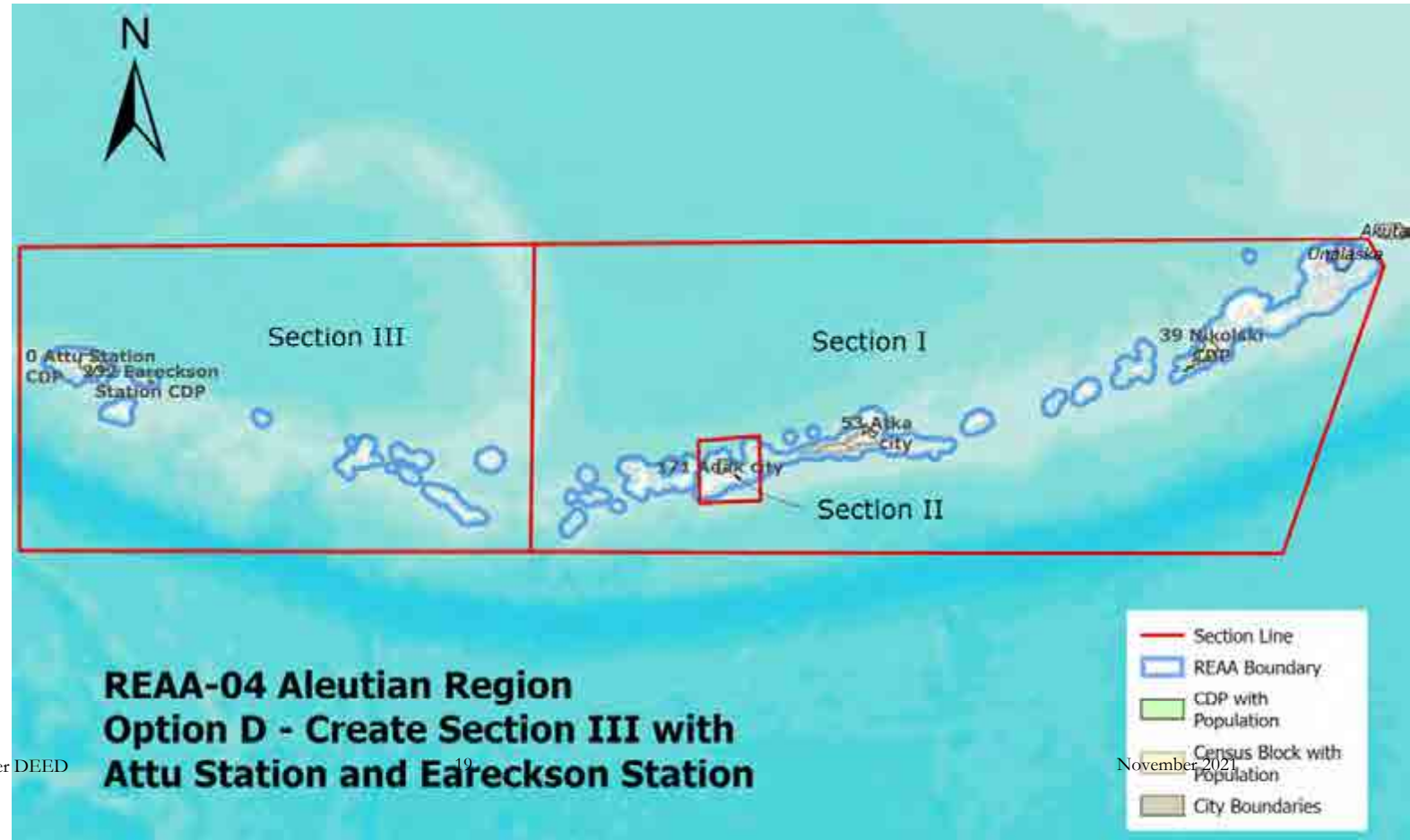
Total Population:	498	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	100

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**95.0**	**-4.62%**
Atka (City)	53				
Area (W of Atka)	3				
Nikolski CDP	39				
Total	**95**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**B C**	**84.5**	**-15.16%**
Adak	171				
Total	**171**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**D E**	**115.0**	**15.46%**
Attu Station CDP	0				
Eareckson Station	232				
Total	**232**				

Spread:	**30.62%**



Comments:

The following comment was received regarding Aleutian Region REAA:

My name is Mike Hanley and I am the superintendent of the Aleutian Region School District. I am submitting comments regarding the school board recasting considerations that take place after the decennial census. I am offering my strong support for option A- the status quo. Even though 4 options have been generated for our consideration only option A is a viable choice.
Currently, the Aleutian Region School District only has schools in Adak and Atka with the largest population in Adak as noted in your documentation. In essence all seats will be filled from these two communities. It would be erroneous to specifically allocate additional seats to Attu, Nikolski, or Eareckson Station, even if they were combined with Atka's allocation as offered in option B.

Thank you for allowing for our comments on this matter and taking into consideration our support for option A- the status quo.

Recommendation:

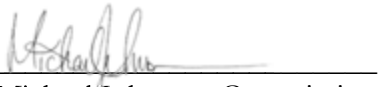
DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Aleutian Region** School Board.

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Department of Education and Early Development

Date: ____November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Annette Island

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Annette Island REAA has only one section containing five school board seats. Board members are nominated and elected at large. Annette Island REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to comply with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Annette Island REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
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If you are interested in the apportionment of the Annette Island REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

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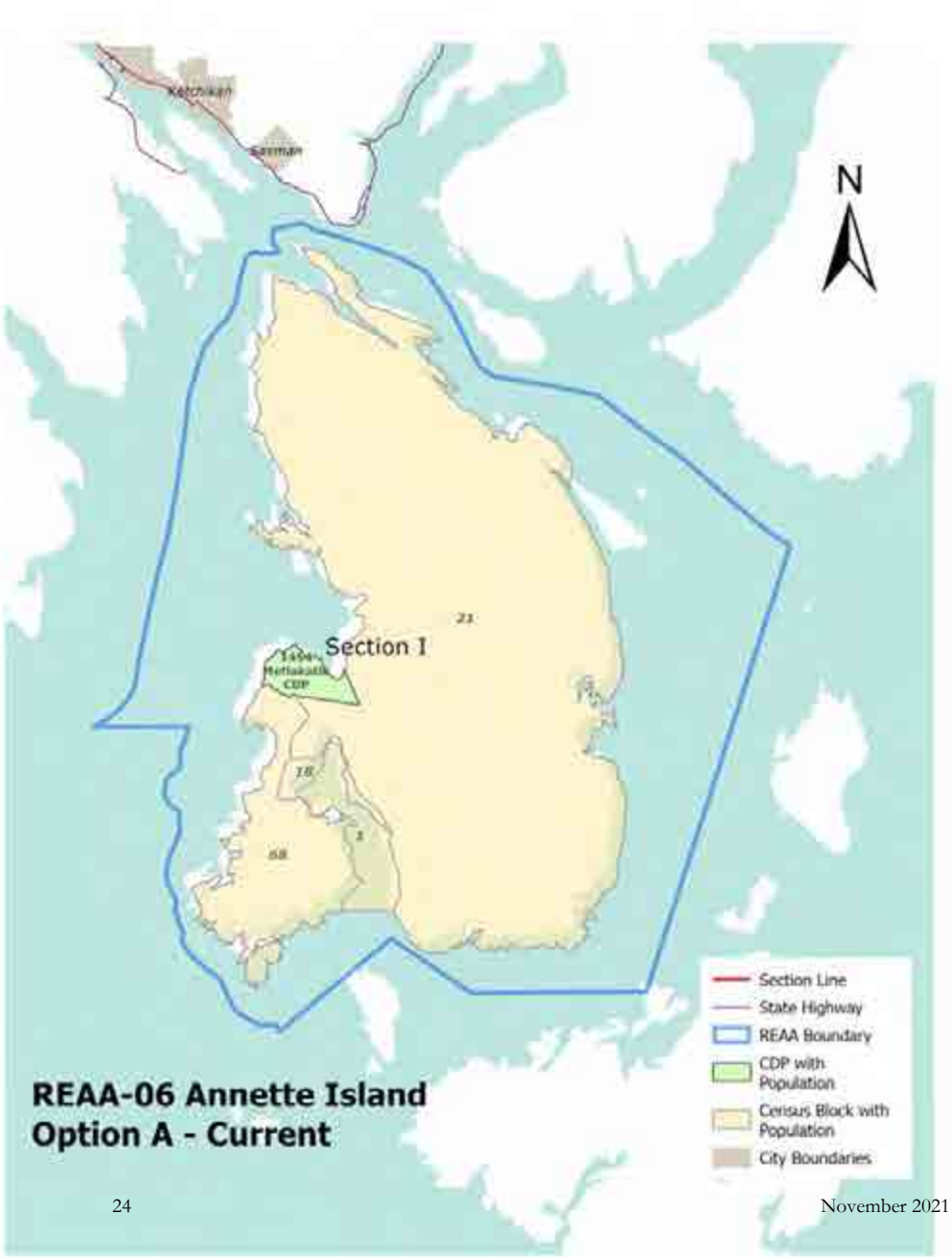
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6. Annette Island (Status Quo)

Total Population:	1562	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	312

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**5**	**A B C D E**	**312.4**	**0.00%**
Areas (S and E of Metlakatla)	108				
Metlakatla CDP	1454				
Total	**1562**				

Spread	**0.00%**



Comments:

No comments were received regarding Annette Island.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Annette Island** School Board.

_x_ This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries

____ This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: November 19, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Bering Strait

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Bering Strait REAA, the overall deviation is 19.58 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

The Bering Strait REAA has five sections containing a total of eleven school board seats. Section I has one seat that includes the City of Shishmaref. Section II has two seats and includes the Cities of Brevig Mission, Teller, Wales, and White Mountain, the community of Port Clarence, and the areas east and west of Nome. Section III has two seats and includes the Cities of Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, and Shaktoolik. Section IV has three seats and includes the Cities of Saint Michael, Stebbins, and Unalakleet. Section V has three seats and contains the Cities of Diomede, Gambell, and Savoonga.

- Option B moves Unalakleet into Section III, assigns three seats to Section III and two seats to Section IV, and has an overall deviation of 18.14%.
- Option C moves Golovin into Section II, Unalakleet into Section III, and Wales into Section V. Three seats are assigned to Section III and two seats are assigned to Section IV. Option III has an overall deviation of 14.04%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Bering Strait REAA is to implement Option C.

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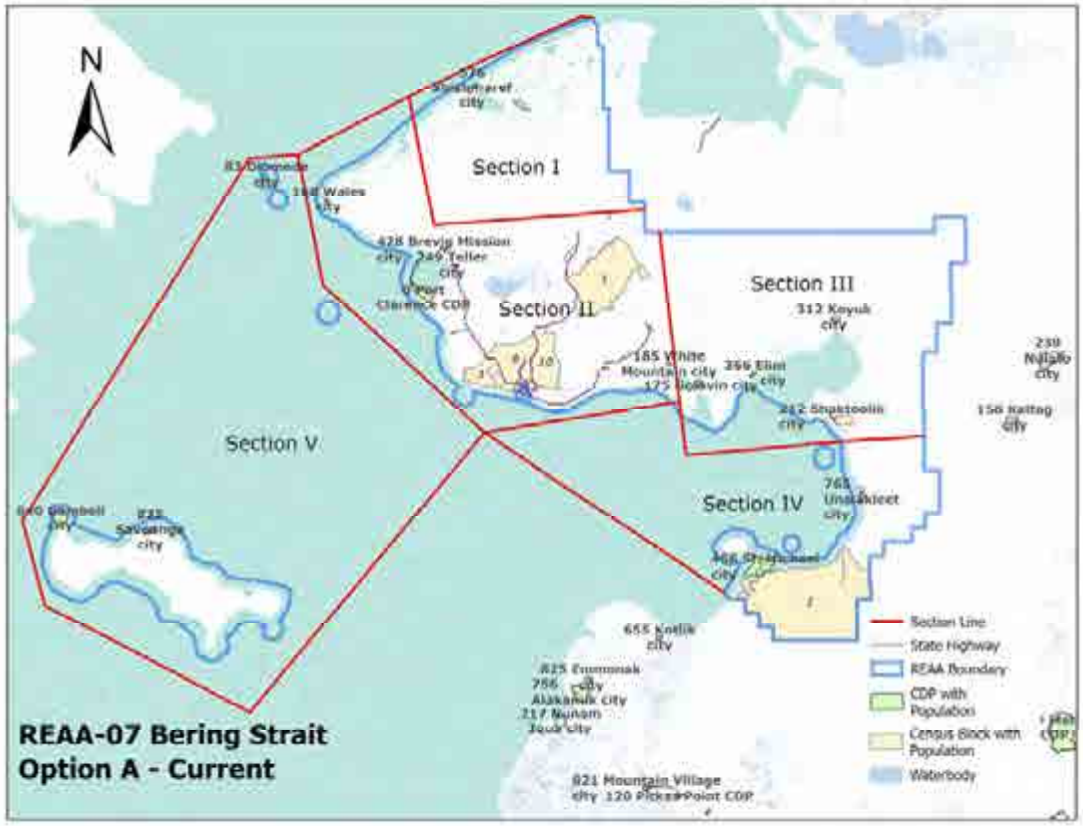
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7. Bering Strait - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	6347	Seats:	11	Target Pop:	577

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**580.0**	**0.52%**
Shishmaref	576				
Areas (E of Shishmaref)	4				
Total	**580**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**B C**	**623.0**	**7.97%**
Brevig Mission	428				
Area (E & W of Nome)	210				
Port Clarence CDP	0				
Teller	249				
Areas (E of Teller)	4				
Wales	168				
Area (N of White Mountain)	2				
White Mountain	185				
Total	**1246**				

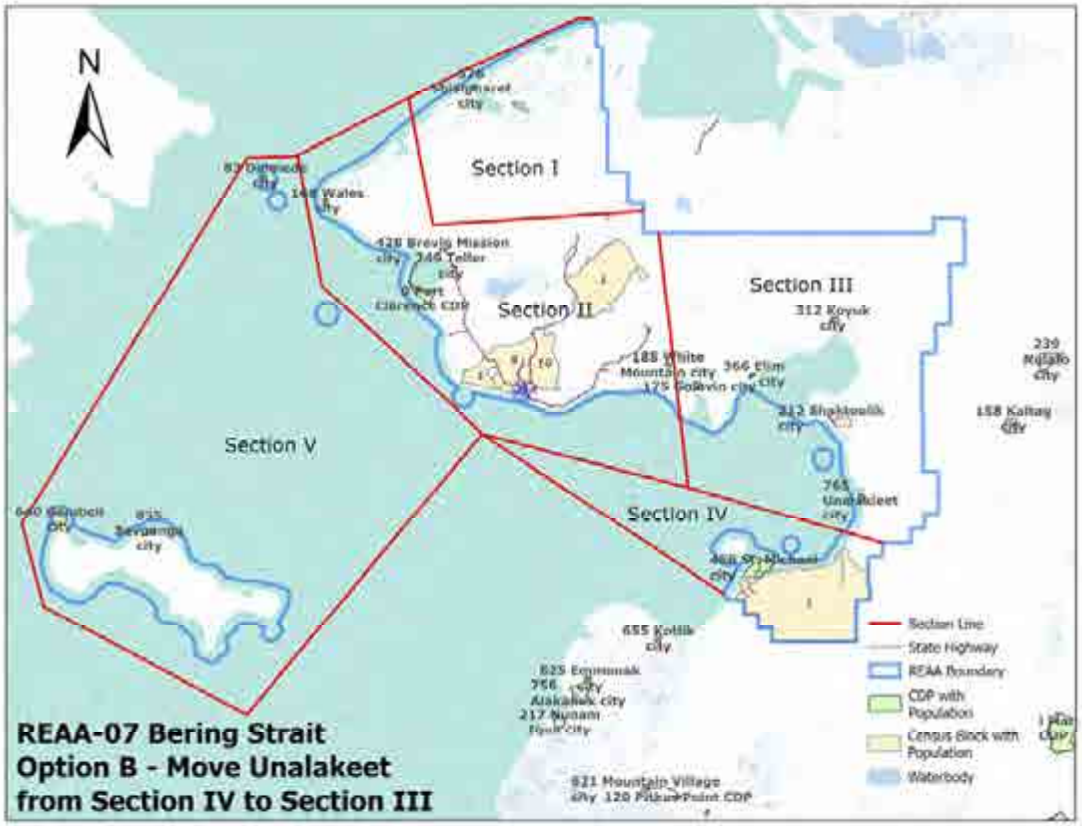
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**D E**	**533.0**	**-7.63%**
Elim	366				
Golovin	175				
Koyuk	312				
Area (E of Shaktoolik)	1				
Shaktoolik	212				
Total	**1066**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**3**	**F G H**	**632.3**	**9.59%**
Saint Michael	456				
Area (S of Saint Michael)	1				
Stebbins	634				
Areas (NW of Unalakleet)	41				
Unalakleet	765				
Total	**1897**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section V		**3**	**I J K**	**519.3**	**-9.99%**
Gambell	640				
Savoonga	835				
Diomede	83				
Total	**1558**				

Spread	**19.58%**

7. Bering Strait - Option B



Total Population:	6347	Seats:	11	Target Pop:	577

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**580.0**	**0.52%**
Shishmaref	576				
Areas (E of Shishmaref)	4				
Total	**580**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**B C**	**623.0**	**7.97%**
Brevig Mission	428				
Area (E & W of Nome)	213				
Port Clarence CDP	0				
Teller	249				
Areas (E of Teller)	4				
Wales	168				
Area (N of White Mountain)	2				
White Mountain	185				
Total	**1246**				

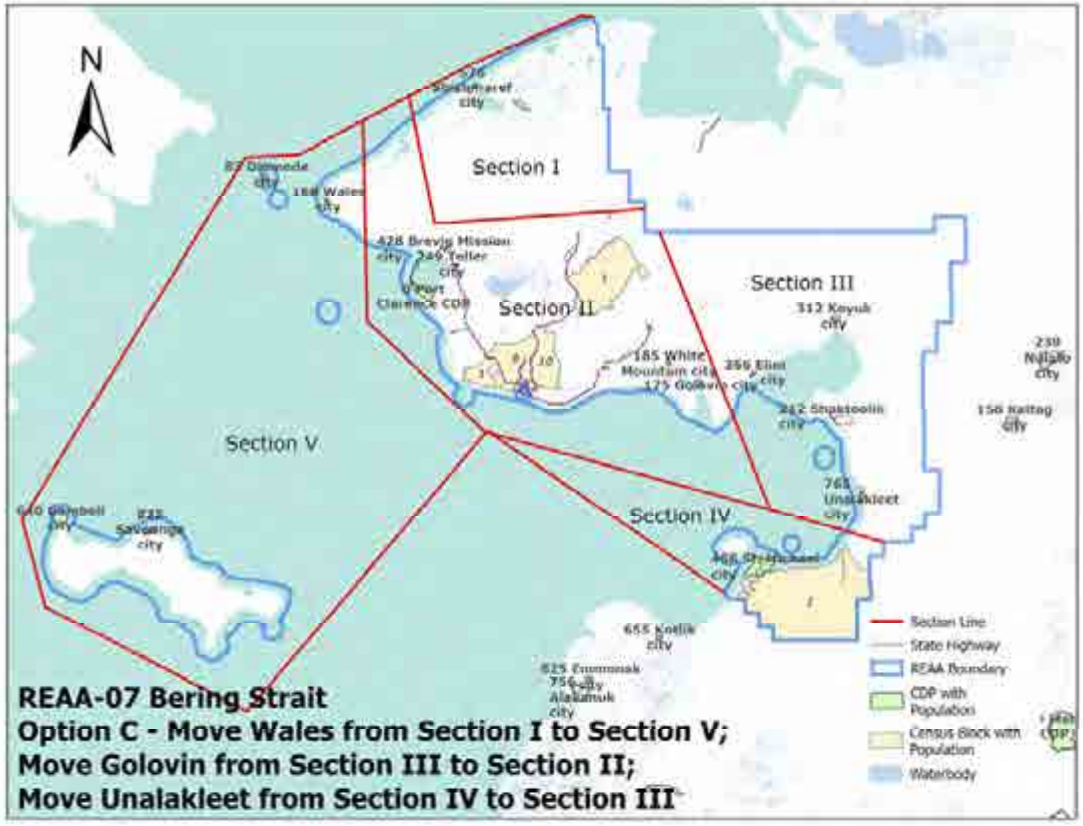
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**3**	**D E F**	**624.0**	**8.15%**
Elim	366				
Golovin	175				
Koyuk	312				
Unalakleet	765				
Areas (NW of Unalakleet)	41				
Shaktoolik	212				
Area (E of Shaktoolik)	1				
Total	**1872**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**2**	**G H**	**545.5**	**-5.46%**
Saint Michael	456				
Area (S of Saint Michael)	1				
Stebbins	634				
Total	**1091**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section V		**3**	**I J K**	**519.3**	**-9.99%**
Gambell	640				
Savoonga	835				
Diomede	83				
Total	**1558**				

Spread	**18.14%**

7. Bering Strait - Option C



Total Population:	6347	Seats:	11	Target Pop:	577

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**580.0**	**0.52%**
Shishmaref	576				
Areas (E of Shishmaref)	4				
Total	**580**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**B C**	**626.5**	**8.58%**
Brevig Mission	428				
Area (E & W of Nome)	210				
Golovin	175				
Port Clarence CDP	0				
Teller	249				
Areas (E of Teller)	4				
White Mountain	185				
Area (N of White Mountain)	2				
Total	**1253**				

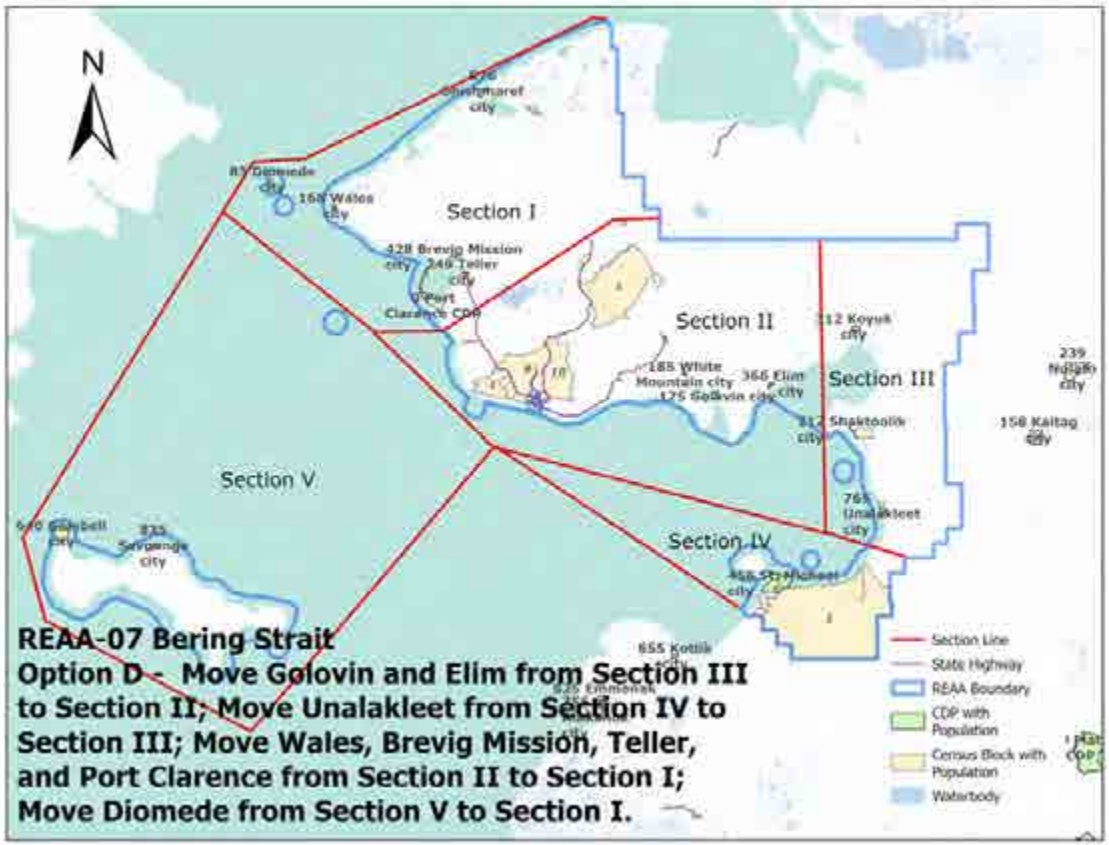
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**3**	**D E F**	**565.7**	**-1.96%**
Flim	389				
Koyuk	312				
Shaktoolik	212				
Area (E of Shaktoolik)	[illegible]				
Unalakleet	765				
Areas (NW of Unalakleet)	4[illegible]				
Total	**1697**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**2**	**G H**	**545.5**	**-5.46%**
Saint Michael	456				
Area (S of Saint Michael)	1				
Stebbins	634				
Total	**1091**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section V		**3**	**I J K**	**575.3**	**-0.29%**
Diomede	83				
Gambell	640				
Savoonga	835				
Wales	168				
Total	**1726**				

Spread	**14.04%**

7. Bering Strait - Option D



Total Population:	6347	Seats:	11	Target Pop:	577

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**629.5**	**9.10%**
Shishmaref	576				
Areas (E of Shishmaref)	4				
Port Clarence CDP	0				
Brevig Mission	428				
Diomede	83				
Wales	168				
Total	**1259**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**C D**	**595.5**	**3.21%**
Area (E & W of Nome)	210				
Golovin	175				
Elim	366				
Teller	249				
Areas (E of Teller)	4				
White Mountain	185				
Area (N of White Mountain)	2				
Total	**1191**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**E F**	**665.5**	**15.34%**
Koyuk	312				
Shaktoolik	212				
Area (E of Shaktoolik)	1				
Unalakleet	765				
Areas (NW of Unalakleet)	41				
Total	**1331**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**2**	**G H**	**545.5**	**-5.46%**
Saint Michael	456				
Area (S of Saint Michael)	1				
Stebbins	634				
Total	**1091**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section V		**3**	**I J K**	**491.7**	**-14.79%**
Gambell	640				
Savoonga	835				
Total	**1475**				

Spread	30.13%

Comments:

The following verbatim comments were received regarding Bering Strait REAA:

Thank you for the opportunity to share. My name is Suzzuk (Mary Huntington). I am originally from Shishmaref and currently live in Unalakleet. Over the last 20 years, I lived 4 in Unalakleet, 4 years in Koyuk, 3 years in Shaktoolik, and Shishmaref for the rest. I work for ***Bering Strait School District*** *as the Coordinator of Cultural Programs. While I have come to better understanding of our district while in this position, these comments are made as a resident of the region and as a concerned community member.*

The Bering Strait region has three major cultural groups - St. Lawrence Island Yupik, Inupiaq, and Central Yup'ik.

We also have three major transportation and communication sub-regions - St. Lawrence Island, Western Seward Peninsula, and Norton Sound.

With these facts, it does not make sense for Diomede to be grouped with St. Lawrence Island. All of their communication and transportation ties are through Wales and most closely associated with Western Seward Peninsula. Their heritage language is Inupiaq, while the language of Gambell and Savoonga is St. Lawrence Island Yupik.

White Mountain, while culturally similar to the communities in Western Seward Peninsula, does not have the communication and transportation ties with those communities. It makes more sense for White Mountain to be grouped with Norton Sound communities, particularly Golovin who solely shares the Iġałuik dialect of the Inupiaq language.

Norton Sound has historically been multilingual speakers, so there is quite a bit of overlap when speaking of their heritage languages. Generally speaking, the only communities in BSSD that self-identify as Central Yup'ik speaking communities are Stebbins and St. Michael. Gambell and Savoonga speak St. Lawrence Island Yupik. The remaining communities identify as Inupiaq or primarily Inupiaq. Elim holds the strongest attachment to their Yup'ik heritage, with a split 50/50 vote in the 1980s on whether to teach Inupiaq or Yup'ik in the school. Golovin, with the same split in population chose to teach Inupiaq. Unalakleet has residents of Yup'ik heritage (as well as a few others who have migrated or married in) but the majority of the population identifies as Inupiaq It makes sense, culturally and linguistically, for Stebbins and St. Michael to hold their own seats.

I think Options B and C address this last need but fail to address the communication and transportation factors that have a major impact on our district.

I don't understand how the 210 residents near Nome are factored into the BSSD REAA. I have searched for further information and would like to know more. Please let me know if there is any way to be involved in this process further. I feel these matters are matters of equity and that we are doing a disservice to many in our REAA with the current seating arrangements of our school board.

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Hello, My name is Silas Paniptchuk. I currently serve on the ***Bering Strait School District*** *board of education. I'de like to comment on recasting the seats in our district. First off, i agree there needs to be some*

recasting among seats. I strongly feel that in order to better serve our communities, to be fair each member should have a minimum of two sites they represent and a maximun of 3 sites each. And im wondering if there are any rules against having more than one member per site? And also To be fair to every site in every small district in our state, we should allocate more sites to a one member site. For example, Shishmaref is a single site with a single member. Im sure there are many other sites who are in the same situation. Thank you.

Recommendation:

DCRA originally recommended Option C above. This remains the lowest numerical deviation option. In view of the comments received, an additional Option D has been developed for the Commissioner's consideration. Option D has a deviation of 30.13 percent but takes into account the linguistic and cultural considerations raised in the comments, as well as the concern regarding the community of Shishmaref holding a guaranteed seat.

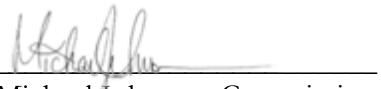
For the reasons stated above, DCRA recommends the newly created Option D.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _D_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Bering Strait** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson**,** Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: __November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Chatham

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Chatham REAA, the overall deviation is 24.45 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Chatham REAA has two sections containing a total of five school board seats. Section I has two board seats and includes the City of Angoon and the community of Klukwan. Section II has three board seats and includes the City of Gustavus and the communities of Elfin Cove, Game Creek, Tenakee Springs, and Whitestone Logging Camp, as well as the area southwest of Juneau.

- Option B moves the area southwest of Juneau into Section I. Option B has an overall deviation of 21.95%.
- Option C moves the City of Tenakee Springs and the area southwest of Juneau to into Section I. Option C has an overall deviation of 15.15%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Chatham REAA is to implement Option B.

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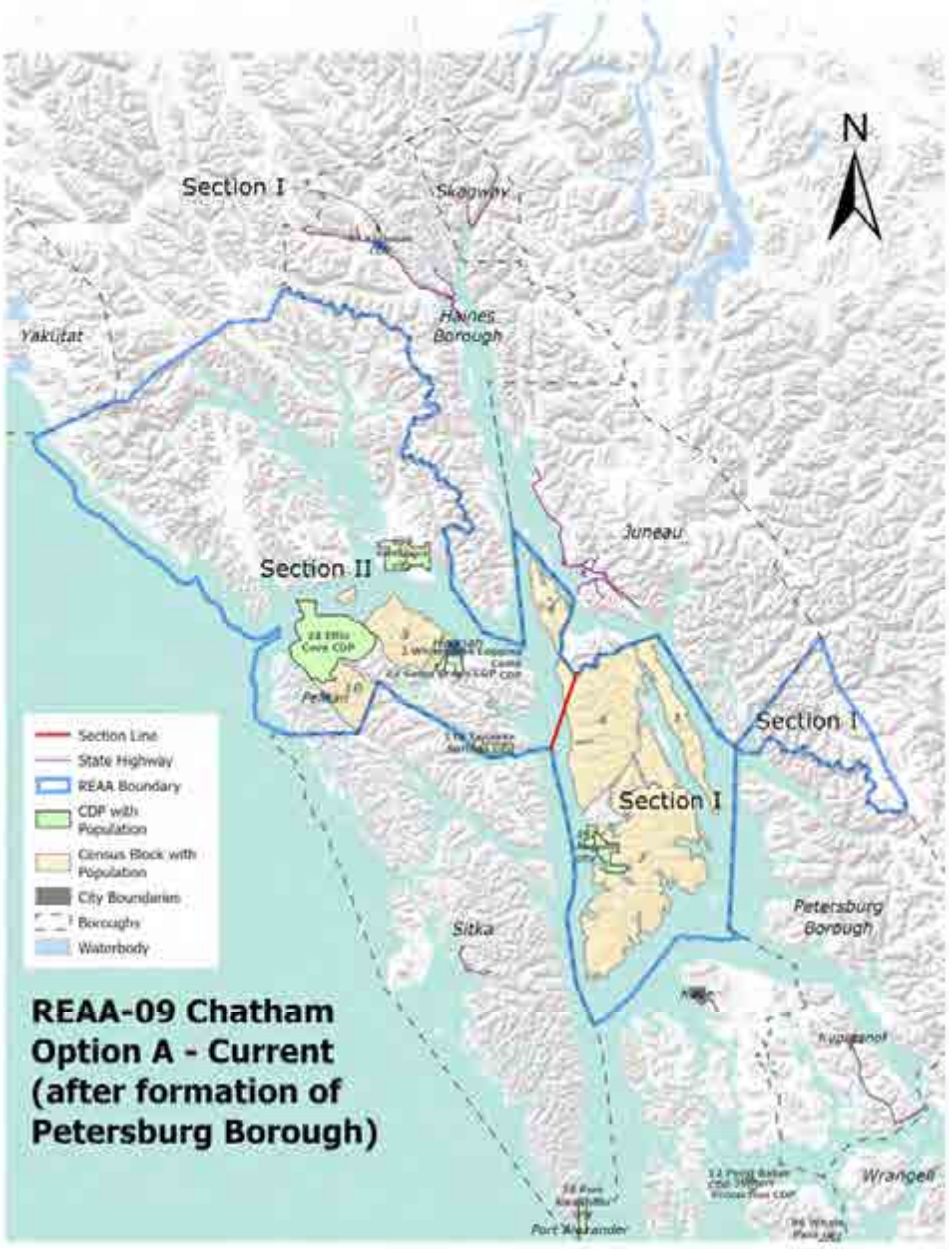
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9. Chatham - Option A (Status Quo)



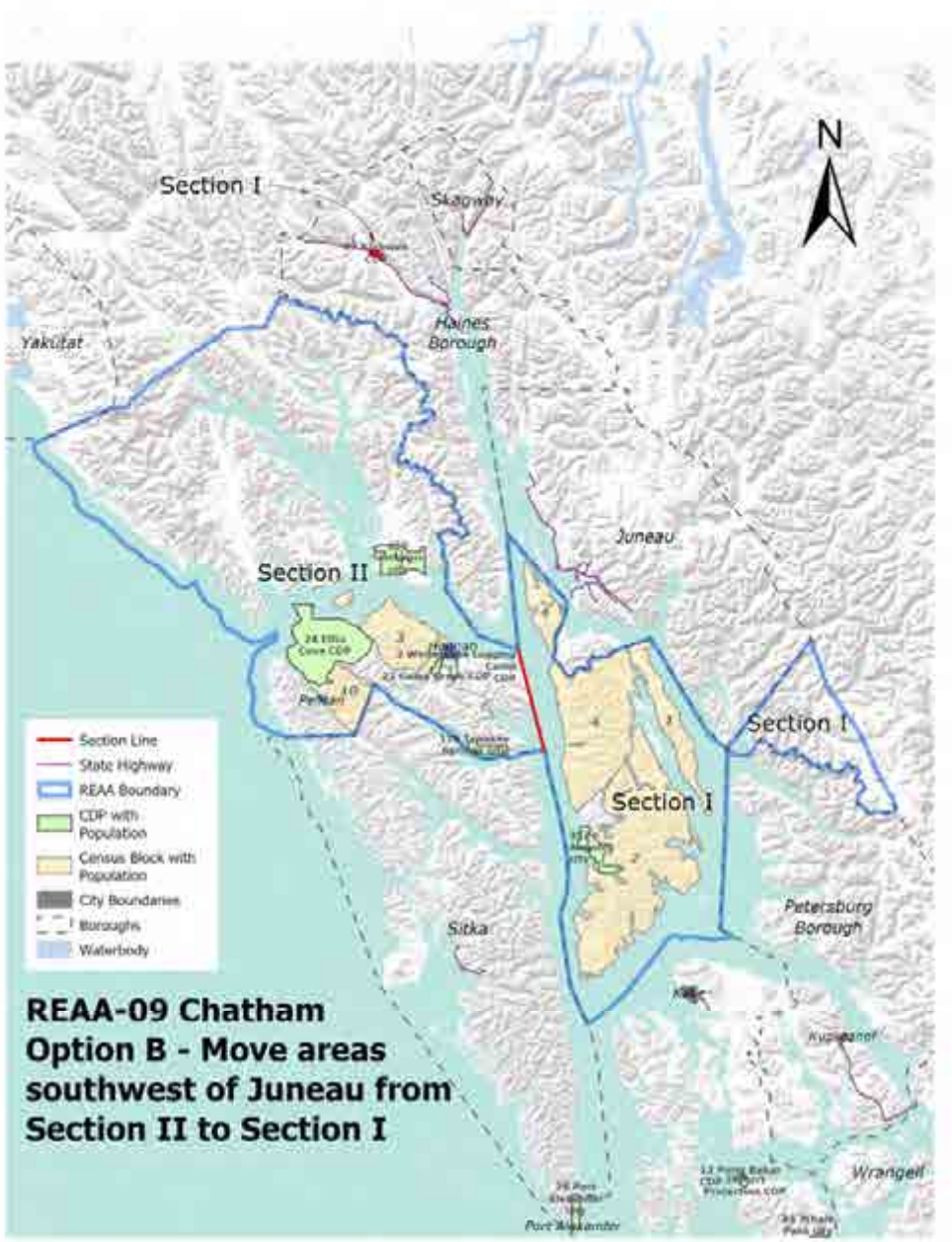
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	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**228.0**	**-14.67%**
Angoon	357				
Areas (N & W of Angoon)	12				
Klukwan CDP	87				
Total	**456**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**293.3**	**9.78%**
Elfin Cove CDP	24				
Areas (E of Elfin Cove)	43				
Areas (N of Elfin Cove)	6				
Game Creek CDP	23				
Gustavus	655				
Whitestone Logging Camp CDP	2				
Tenakee Springs	116				
Areas (N of Tenakee Springs)	3				
Areas (SW of Juneau)	8				
Total	**880**				

Spread	24.45%

9. Chatham - Option B



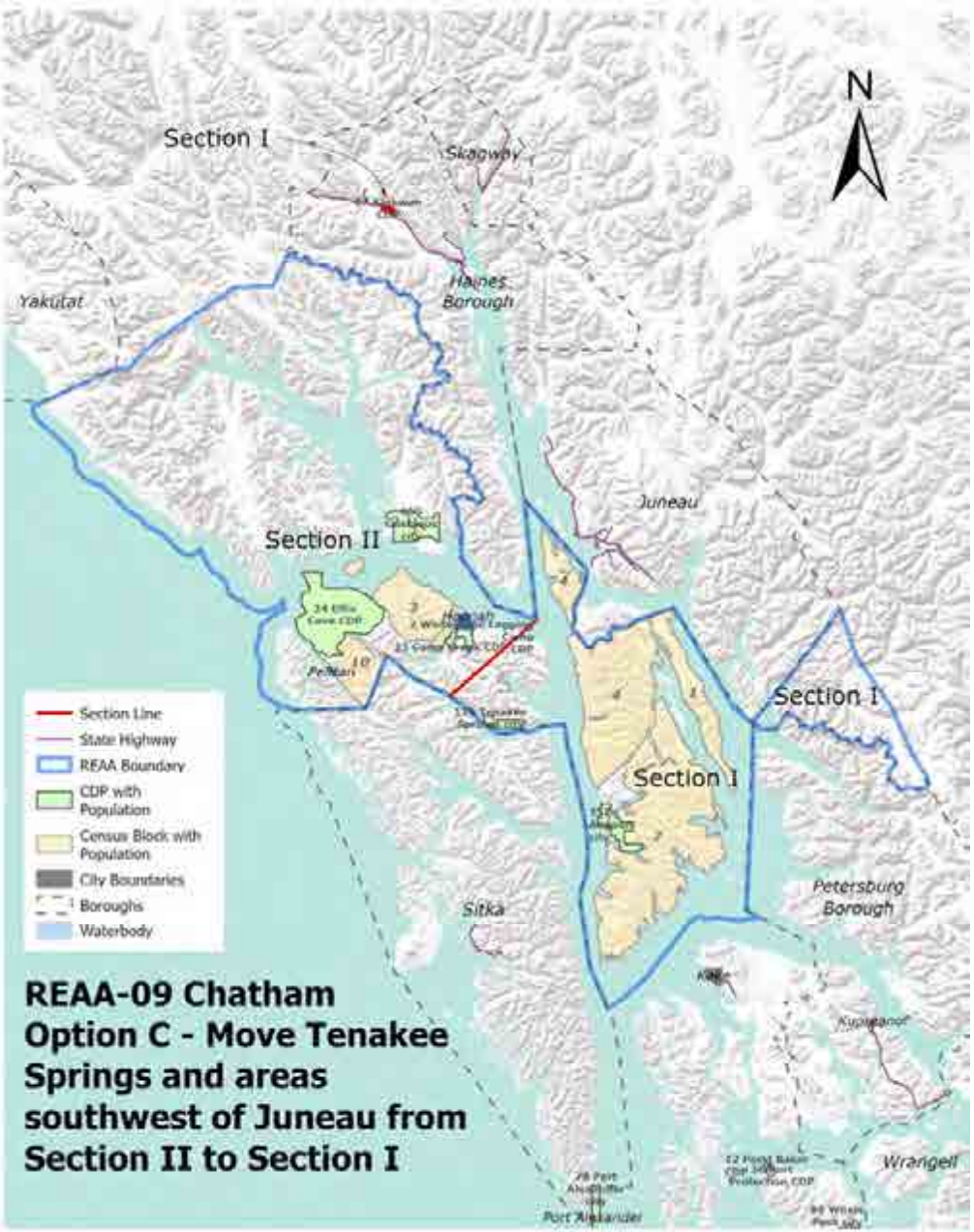
Total Population:	1336	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	267

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**232.0**	**-13.17%**
Angoon	357				
Areas (N & W of Angoon)	12				
Klukwan CDP	87				
Areas (SW of Juneau)	8				
Total	**464**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**290.7**	**8.78%**
Elfin Cove CDP	24				
Areas (E of Elfin Cove)	43				
Areas (N of Elfin Cove)	6				
Game Creek CDP	23				
Gustavus	655				
Whitestone Logging Camp CDP	2				
Tenakee Springs	116				
Areas (N of Tenakee Springs)	3				
Total	**872**				

Spread	21.95%

9. Chatham - Option C



Total Population:	1336	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	267

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**291.5**	**9.09%**
Angoon	357				
Areas (N & W of Angoon)	12				
Klukwan CDP	87				
Areas (SW of Juneau)	8				
Tenakee Springs	116				
Areas (N of Tenakee Springs)	3				
Total	**583**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**251.0**	**-6.06%**
Elfin Cove CDP	24				
Areas (E of Elfin Cove)	43				
Areas (N of Elfin Cove)	6				
Game Creek CDP	23				
Gustavus	655				
Whitestone Logging Camp CDP	2				
Total	**753**				

Spread	15.15%

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Chatham.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option B as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _B_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Chatham** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

__x__This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries.



Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: ___November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Chugach

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Chugach REAA, the overall deviation is 65.95 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Chugach REAA has three sections containing a total of five school board seats. Section I has two seats and includes the City of Whittier. Section II has two seats and includes the community of Tatitlek, the areas surrounding Tatitlek and the area east of Valdez. Section III has one seat and contains the community of Chenega and areas north and west of the community.

- Option B adds areas north and west of Chenega to Section I, retains areas northeast of Chenega within Section III, and adds areas east of Valdez and south of Tatitlek to Section III. Under Option B, three seats are allocated to Section I and one seat apiece to Sections II and III. Option B has an overall deviation of 2.95%.
- Option C moves the areas north and west of Chenega into Section I and combines Chenega, Tatitlek, and all other areas into Section II. Option C allocates three seats to Section I and two seats to Section II. Option C has an overall deviation of 0.17%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Chugach REAA is to implement Option B.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
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If you are interested in the apportionment of the Chugach REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

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10. Chugach - Option A (Status Quo)

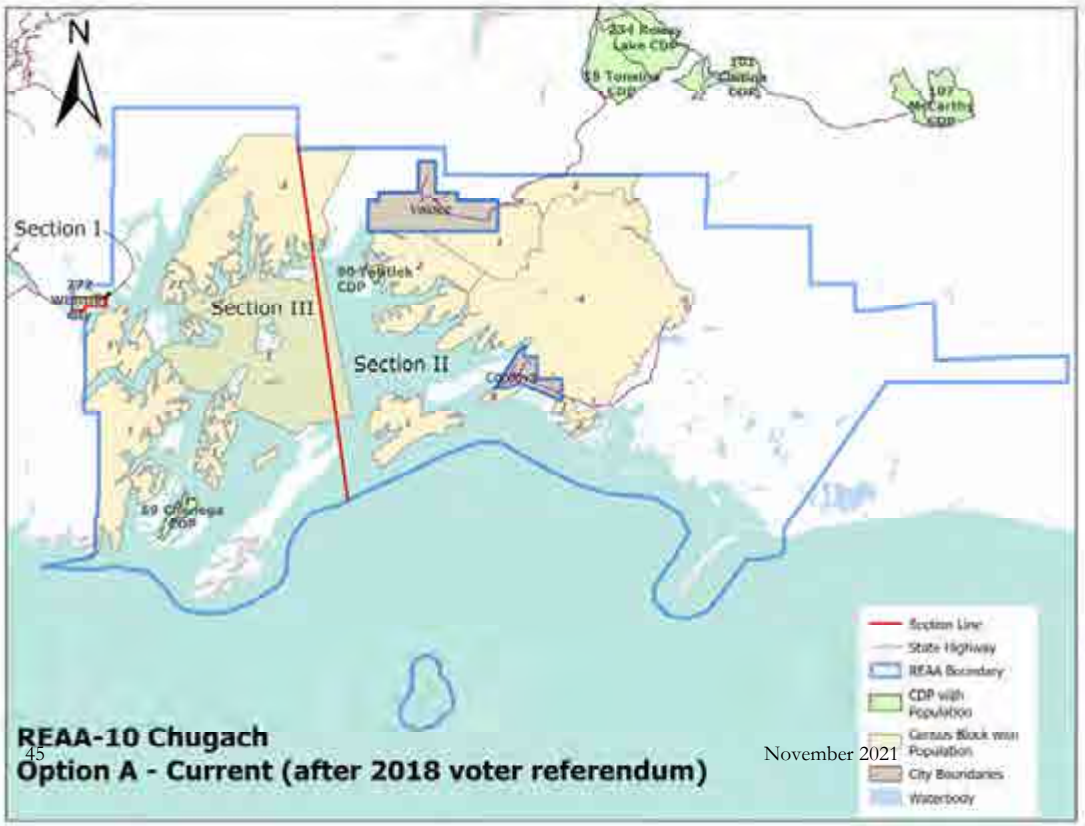
Total Population:	508	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	102

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**136.0**	**33.86%**
Whittier	272				
Total	**272**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**C D**	**69.0**	**-32.09%**
Tatitlek	90				
Areas (S & E of Tatitlek)	26				
Area (W of Tatitlek)	2				
Areas (E of Valdez)	20				
Total	**138**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**E**	**98.0**	**-3.54%**
Chenega	59				
Areas (NE of Chenega)	6				
Areas (N & W of Chenega)	33				
Total	**98**				

Spread	**65.95%**



10. Chugach - Option B

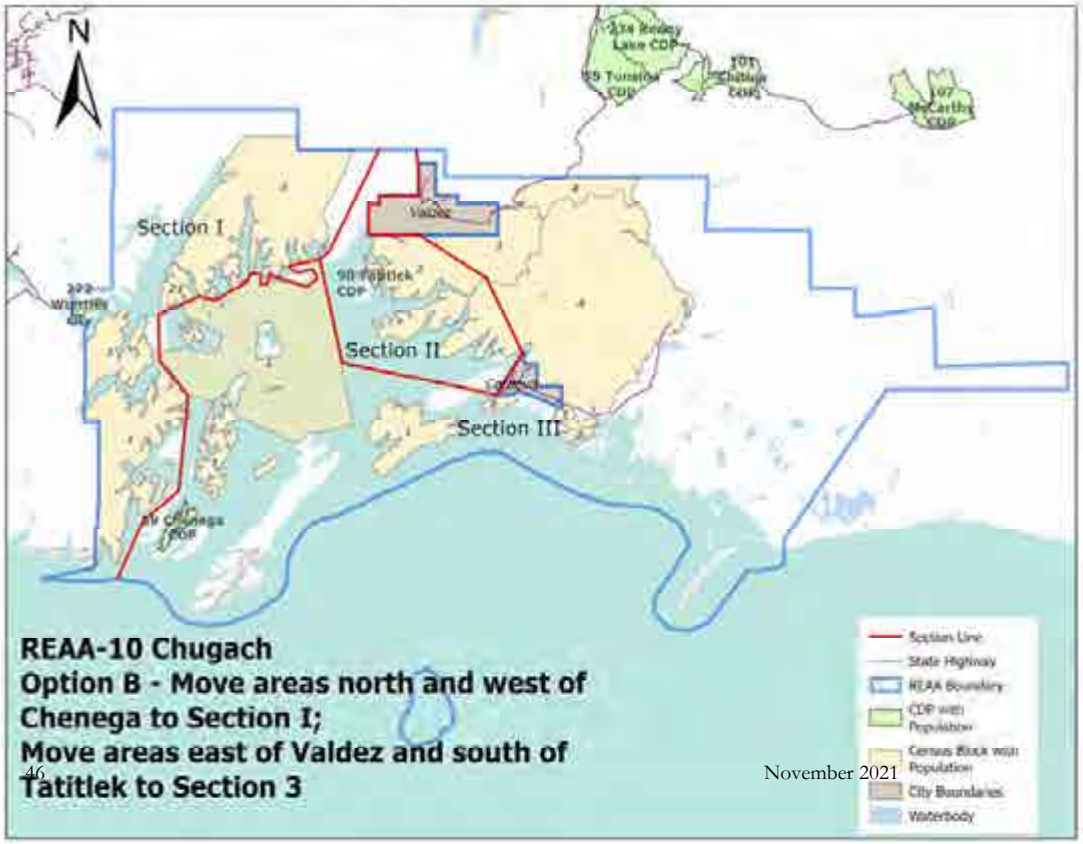
Total Population:	508	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	102

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**101.7**	**0.07%**
Whittier	272				
Area (N & W of Chenega)	33				
Total	**305**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**1**	**D**	**100.0**	**-1.57%**
Tatitlek	90				
Areas (E of Tatitlek)	8				
Area (W of Tatitlek)	2				
Total	**100**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**E**	**103.0**	**1.38%**
Chenega	59				
Areas (NE of Chenega)	6				
Areas (E of Valdez)	20				
Areas (S of Tatitlek)	18				
Total	**103**				

Spread	2.95%



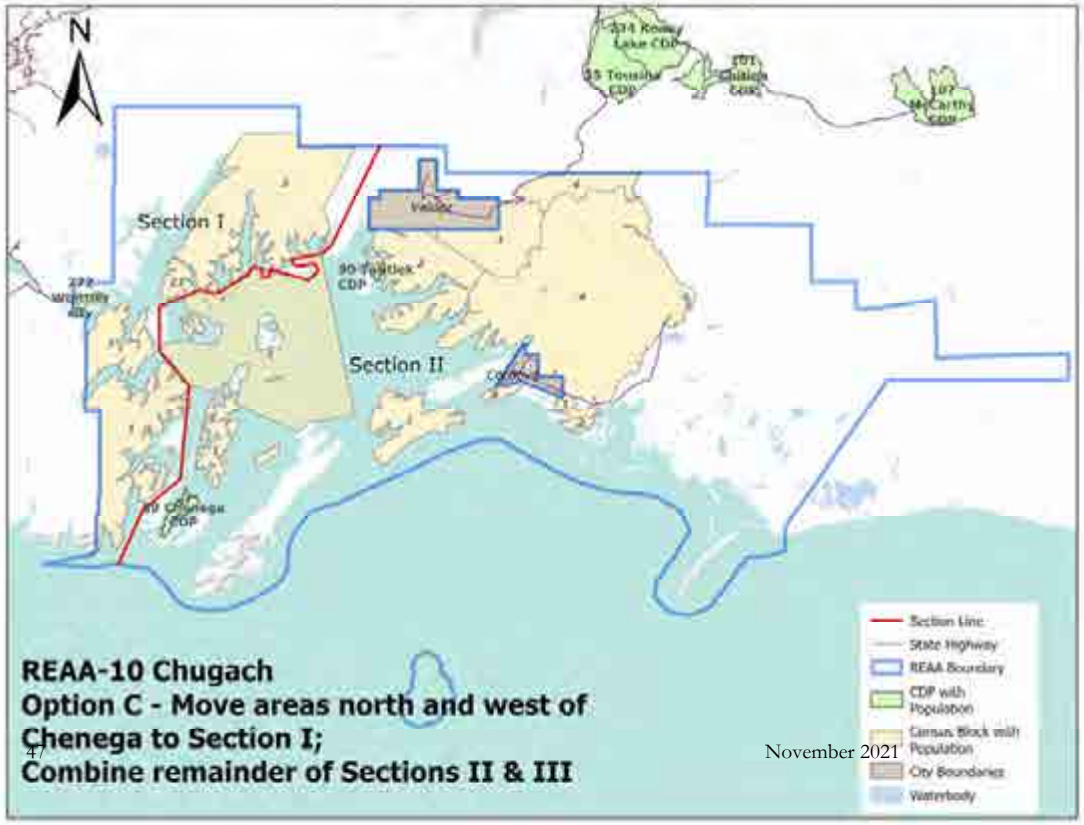
10. Chugach - Option C

Total Population:	508	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	102

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**101.7**	**0.07%**
Whittier	272				
Area (N & W of Chenega)	33				
Total	**305**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**101.5**	**-0.10%**
Tatitlek	90				
Areas (S & E of Tatitlek)	26				
Area (W of Tatitlek)	2				
Areas (E of Valdez)	20				
Chenega	59				
Areas (NE of Chenega)	6				
Total	**203**				

Spread	0.17%



Comments:

The following comments were received regarding Chugach REAA:

My name is Mike Hanley and I am the superintendent of the ***Chugach School District****. I am submitting comments regarding the school board recasting considerations that take place for the Chugach School District after the decennial census.*

Our school board has worked hard to ensure equal representation from each of our unique communities. We are strongly supportive of remaining with option A, the status quo that allocates 2 seats to Whittier, 2 seats to Tatitlek, and I seat to Chenega.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

In addition, Superintendent Hanley commented by phone that--*regarding the designated Chenega seat – they just got it in the last couple of years and they want to keep it otherwise minimize the voice of small and indigenous communities. He supports Option A along with the board.*

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My name is Charlene Arneson and I am the chair of the ***Chugach School District*** *Board. I am submitting comments on behalf CSD board regarding the school board recasting considerations that take place for the Chugach School District.*

Our school board supports and concours with equal representation from each of our unique communities. We are strongly supportive of remaining with option A, the status quo that allocates 2 seats to Whittier, 2 seats to Tatitlek, and 1 seat to Chenega.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Recommendation:

DCRA's original recommendation of Option B as above would result in a smaller numerical deviation. Given the comments and the desires of the area, as expressed by the local school board, the district superintendent, and a community vote in 2018 to enact the current boundaries, DCRA recommends - with reservation - that the Commissioner accept Option A.
DCRA's reservation in recommending Option A is based upon Whittier having a majority of the REAA's residents, the majority of the brick-and-mortar school population, and a minority of representation on the school board. While the considerations raised in the comments are important, DCRA would hope and expect that the Chugach School Board, Superintendent, and the region's residents identify ways - such as increasing the size of the school board - to reduce the overall deviation within the REAA prior to the next recasting, following the 2030 Census.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Chugach** School Board.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
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Invitation for Public Comment

Copper River

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Copper River REAA has two sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has three seats and includes the communities of Chisana, Chistochina, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Nabesna, Mendeltna, Nelchina, Paxson, Siana and Tolsona. Section II has four seats and includes the communities of Chitina, Copper Center, Kenny Lake, McCarthy, Silver Springs, Tazlina, Tonsina and Willow Creek. Copper River REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to comply with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Copper River REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/

If you are interested in the apportionment of the Copper River REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

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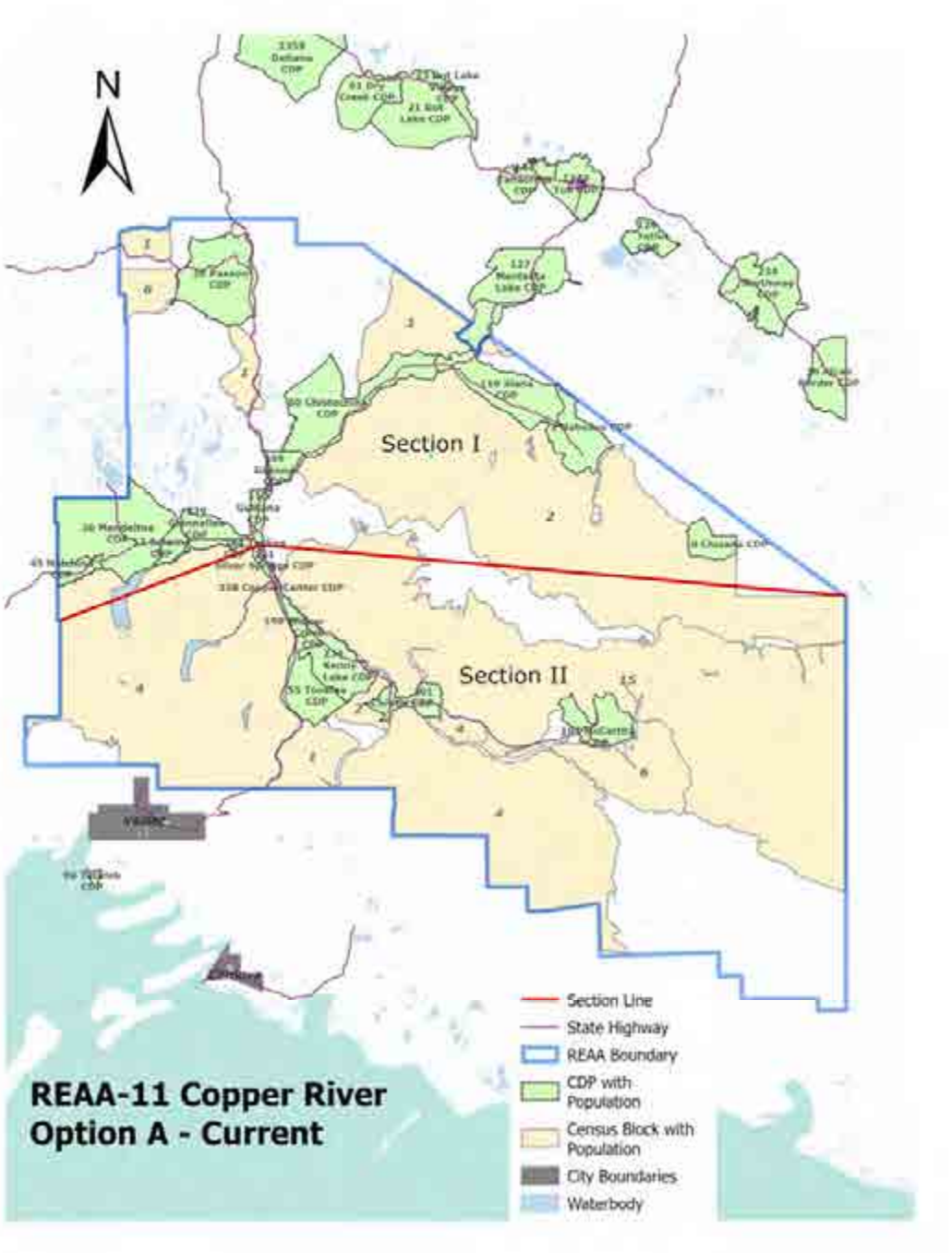
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11. Copper River (Status Quo)



Total Population:	2489	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	356

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**347.0**	**-2.41%**
Chisana CDP	0				
Chistochina CDP	60				
Area (N of Chistochina)	1				
Gakona CDP	169				
Area (N of Gakona)	7				
Glennallen CDP	439				
Gulkana CDP	110				
Nabesna CDP	2				
Mendeltna CDP	36				
Nelchina CDP	45				
Paxson CDP	26				
Area (N of Paxson)	3				
Areas (S of Paxson)	4				
Areas (W of Paxson)	7				
Slana CDP	116				
Areas (N of Slana)	2				
Area (S of Slana)	2				
Tolsona CDP	12				
Total	**1041**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**4**	**D E F G**	**362.0**	**1.81%**
Chitina CDP	101				
Area (W of Chitina)	6				
Copper Center CDP	338				
Kenny Lake CDP	234				
McCarthy CDP	107				
Areas (W of McCarthy)	24				
Area (S of McCarthy)	6				
Silver Springs CDP	111				
Area (SW of Silver Springs)	15				
Tazlina CDP	244				
Tonsina CDP	55				
Areas (SW of Tonsina)	17				
Willow Creek CDP	190				
Total	**1448**				

Spread	**4.22%**

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Copper River.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Copper River** School Board.

_x_ This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

____ This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: November 19, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Delta/Greely

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Delta/Greely REAA has one section containing seven school board seats. Board members are nominated and elected at large. Delta/Greely REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to comply with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Delta/Greely REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/

If you are interested in the apportionment of the Delta/Greely REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

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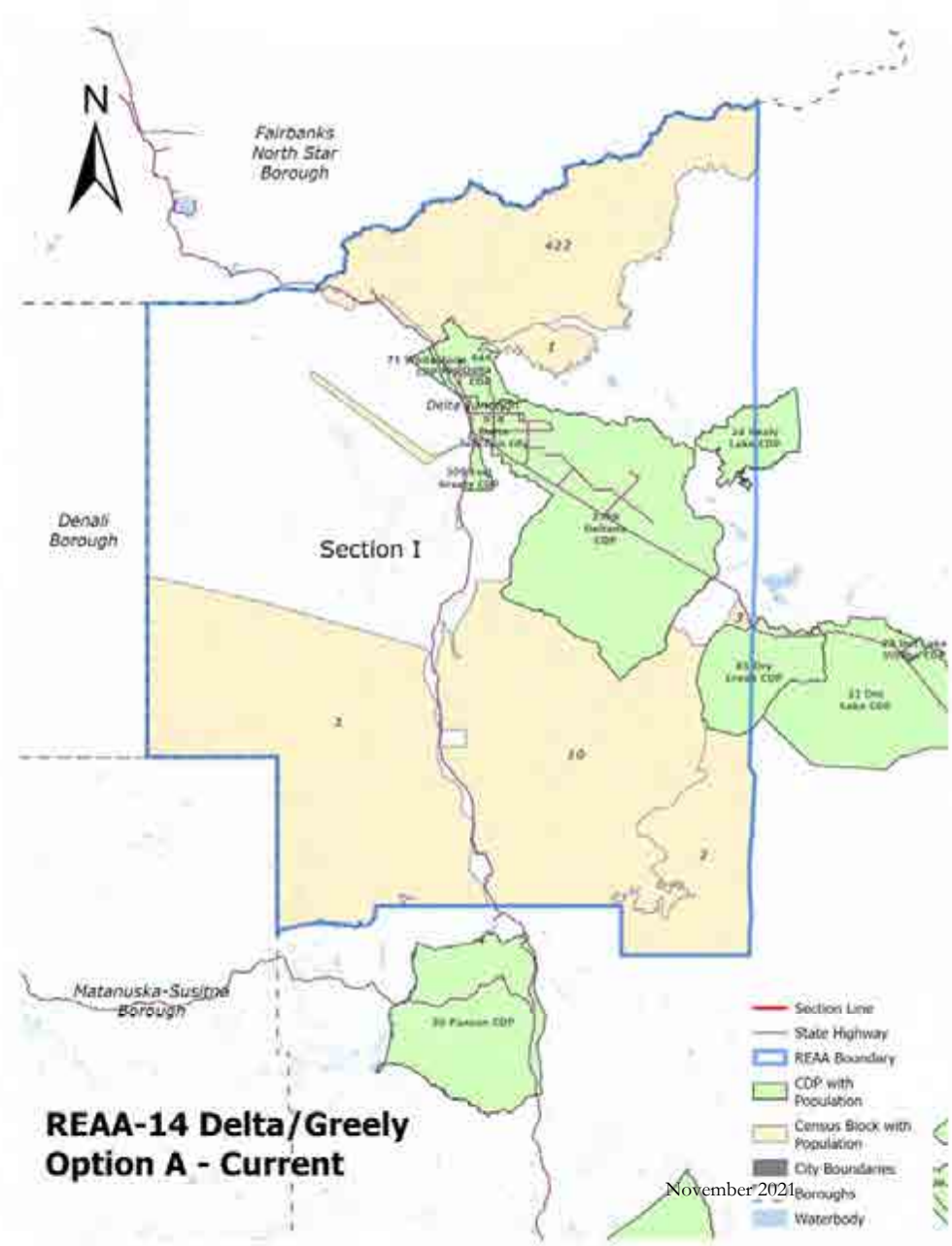
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14. Delta/Greely (Status Quo)

Total Population:	4696	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	671

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**7**	**A B C D E F G**	**670.9**	**0.00%**
Big Delta CDP	444				
Delta Junction CDP	918				
Deltana CDP	2359				
Dry Creek CDP (Part)	2				
Fort Greely CDP	309				
Healy Lake CDP	24				
Whitestone CDP	71				
Outside CDPs	569				
Total	**4696**				

Spread	0.00%



Comments:

No comments were received regarding Delta/Greely.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Delta/Greely** School Board.

__x__This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

____This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: __November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Iditarod Area

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

Alaska Statutes at AS 14.08.051(c) require that within 90 days of the Federal decennial census, the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the local communities, must review the school board apportionment scheme of each Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA) to determine if it meets the standards contained at AS 14.08.051(a). The standard is that each school board member must represent, "as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons."

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Iditarod Area REAA, the overall deviation is 21.99 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Iditarod Area REAA has three sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has four seats and includes the Cities of Anvik, Grayling, Holy Cross, and Shageluk and the Flat and Lime Village CDPs. Section II has one seat and includes the City of Nikolai and the communities of Lake Minchumina and Takotna. Section III includes the City of McGrath and has 2 seats.

- Option B moves Lime Village into Section II and adds areas north of McGrath into Section III. Option B has an overall deviation of 13.71%.
- Option C moves Flat, Lime Village, and Shageluk into Section II and adds areas north of McGrath into Section III. Under this apportionment scheme, Section I would have three seats, Section II would have two seats, and Section III would have two seats. Option C has an overall deviation of 10.52%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Iditarod Area REAA is to implement Option C.

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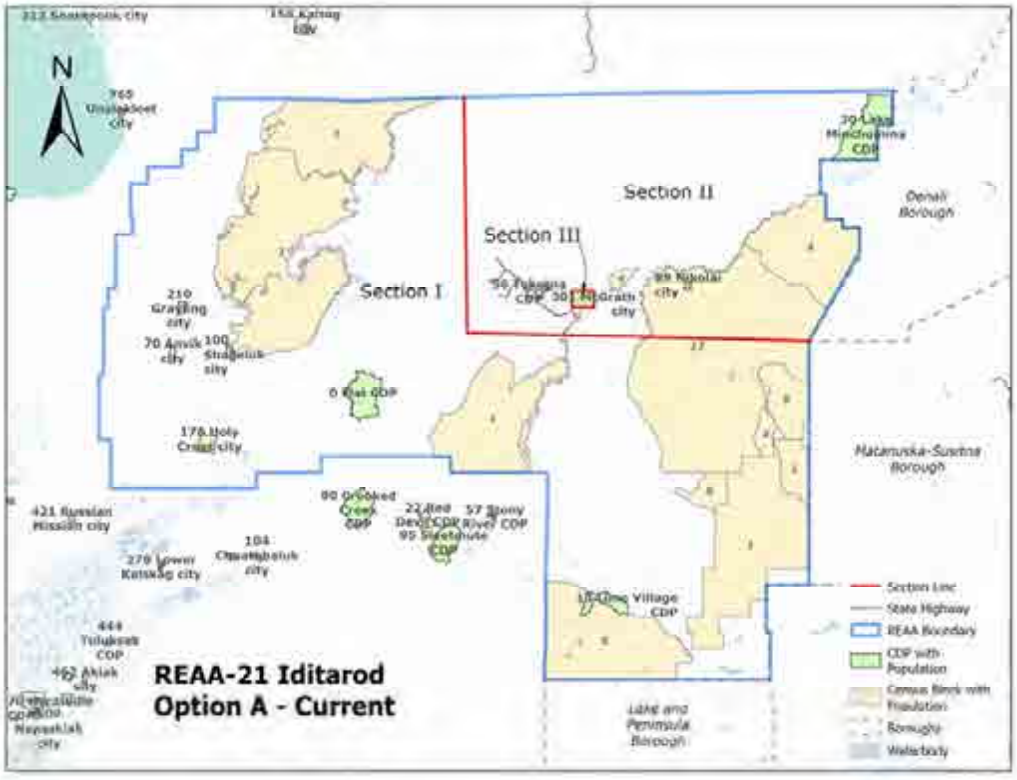
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21. Iditarod - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	1098	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	157

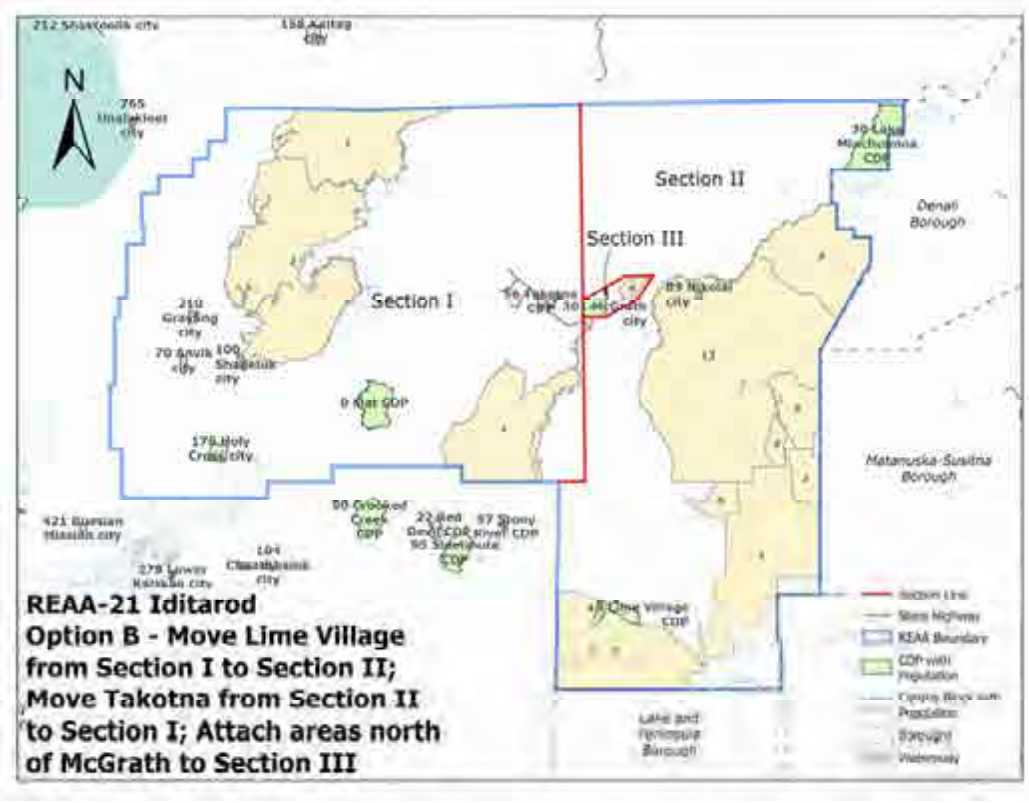
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**4**	**A B C D**	**153.0**	**-2.46%**
Grayling	210				
Areas (N of Shageluk)	7				
Anvik	70				
Flat CDP	0				
Areas (E of Flat)	5				
Holy Cross	176				
Lime Village CDP	13				
Areas (N & E of Lime Village)	31				
Area (S of Lime Village)	5				
Shageluk	100				
Total	**612**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**1**	**E**	**185.0**	**17.94%**
Lake Minchumina CDP	30				
Areas (W & SW of Lake Minchumina)	6				
Area (N of McGrath)	4				
Nikolai	89				
Takotna CDP	56				
Total	**185**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**150.5**	**-4.05%**
McGrath	301				
Total	**301**				

Spread	**21.99%**

21. Iditarod - Option B



Total Population:	1098	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	157

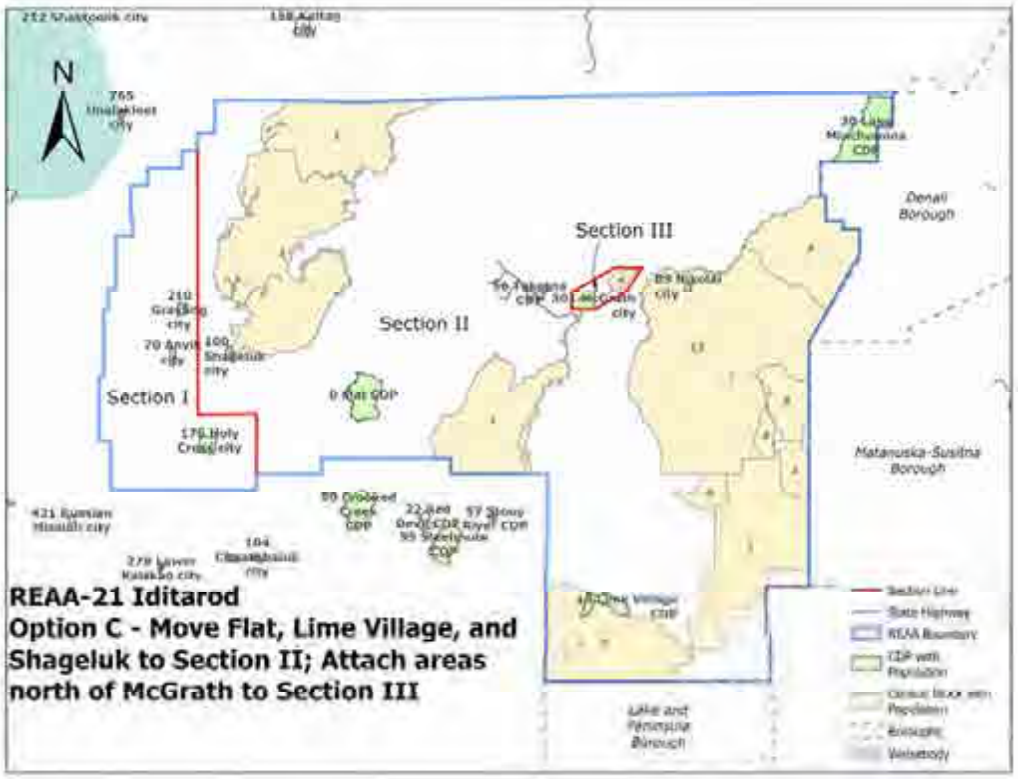
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**4**	**A B C D**	**154.8**	**-1.34%**
Grayling	210				
Areas (N of Shageluk)	2				
Anvik	70				
Flat CDP	0				
Areas (E of Flat)	5				
Holy Cross	176				
Takotna CDP	56				
Shageluk	100				
Total	**619**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**1**	**E**	**174.0**	**10.93%**
Lake Minchumina CDP	30				
Areas (W & SW of Lake Minchumina)	6				
Lime Village CDP	13				
Areas (N & E of Lime Village)	31				
Area (S of Lime Village)	5				
Nikolai	89				
Total	**174**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**152.5**	**-2.78%**
McGrath	301				
Area (N of McGrath)	4				
Total	**305**				

Spread	**13.71%**

21. Iditarod - Option C



Total Population:	1098	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	157

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**152.0**	**-3.10%**
Grayling	210				
Anvik	70				
Holy Cross	176				
Total	**456**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**168.5**	**7.42%**
Lake Minchumina CDP	30				
Areas (W & SW of Lake Minchumina)	6				
Lime Village CDP	13				
Areas (N & E of Lime Village)	31				
Area (S of Lime Village)	5				
Takotna CDP	56				
Flat CDP	0				
Areas (E of Flat)	5				
Shageluk	100				
Areas (N of Shageluk)	2				
Nikolai	89				
Total	**337**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**152.5**	**-2.78%**
McGrath	301				
Area (N of McGrath)	4				
Total	**305**				

Spread	**10.52%**

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Iditarod.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option C as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _C_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Iditarod** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

_x_This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: __November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Kashunamiut

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

Alaska Statutes at AS 14.08.051(c) require that within 90 days of the Federal decennial census, the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the local communities, must review the school board apportionment scheme of each Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA) to determine if it meets the standards contained at AS 14.08.051(a). The standard is that each school board member must represent, "as nearly as practicable, an equal number of persons."

A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Kashunamiut REAA has only one section containing 5 school board seats. Board members are nominated and elected at large. The Kashunamiut REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to be compliant with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Kashunamiut REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/

If you are interested in the apportionment of the Kashunamiut REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

Verbal comments may be submitted by calling 907-465-5541 on October 11-15, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 am and noon, or by voicemail at that number.

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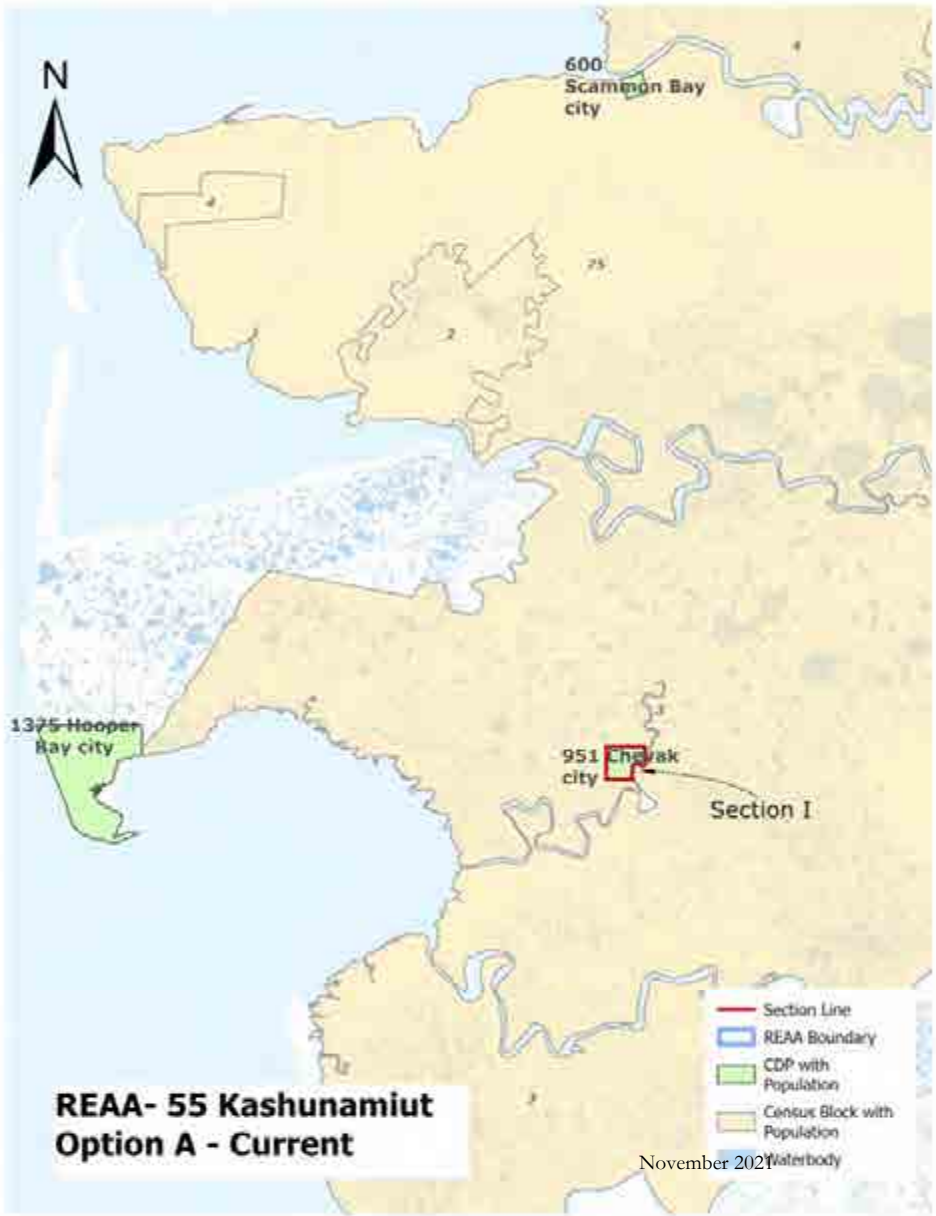
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55. Kashunamiut (Status Quo)

Total Population:	951	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	190

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**5**	**A B C D E**	**190.2**	**0.00%**
Chevak	951				
Total	**951**				

Spread	**0.00%**



Comments:

No comments were received regarding Kashunamiut.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Kashunamiut** School Board.

_x_ This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

____ This apportionment is a recasting of the current board seat boundaries.



Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: November 19, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Kuspuk

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Kuspuk REAA, the overall deviation is 18.11 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Kuspuk REAA has three sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has three seats and includes the Cities of Chuathbaluk, Upper Kalskag, and Lower Kalskag. Section II has three seats and includes the City of Aniak and the community of Crooked Creek. Section III has one seat and includes the communities of Red Devil, Sleetmute, and Stony River.

- Option B moves the area east of Chuathbaluk into Section I and the areas south of Aniak and north of Crooked Creek into Section II. Option B has an overall deviation of 20.89%.
- Option C moves Crooked Creek and the area north of Crooked Creek into Section I and Chuathbaluk, the area east of Chuathbaluk, and the area south of Aniak into Section II. Option C has an overall deviation of 18.12%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Kuspuk REAA is to implement Option C.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
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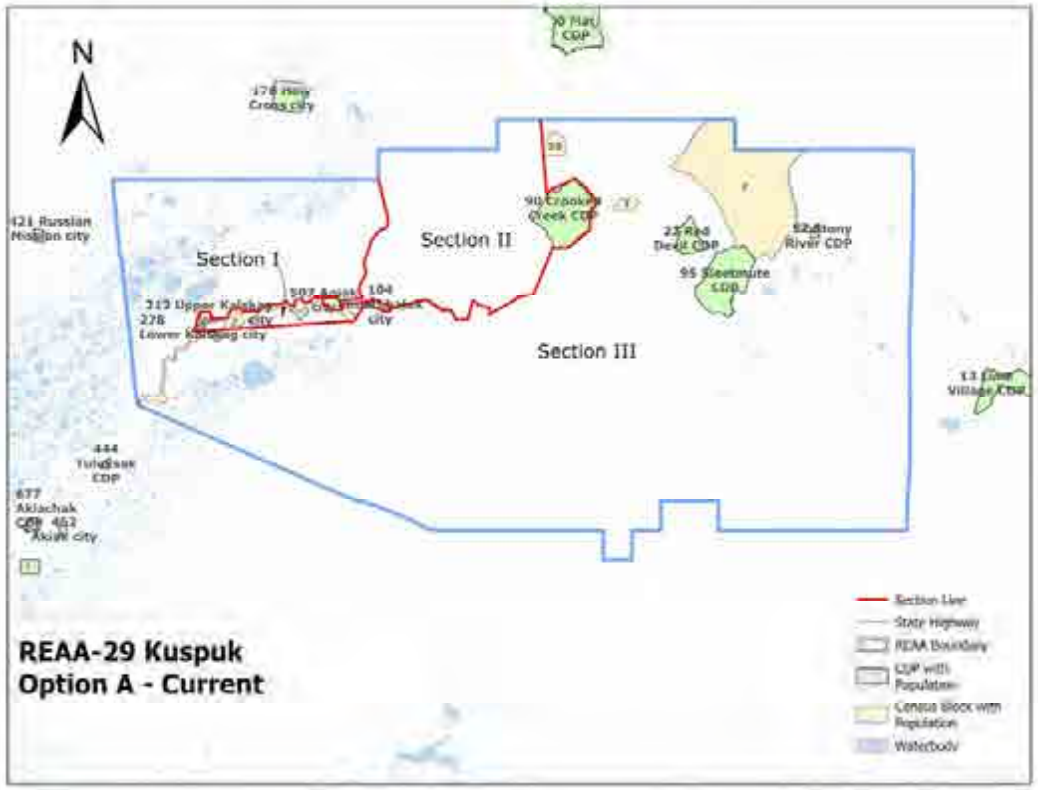
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29. Kuspuk - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	1430	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	204

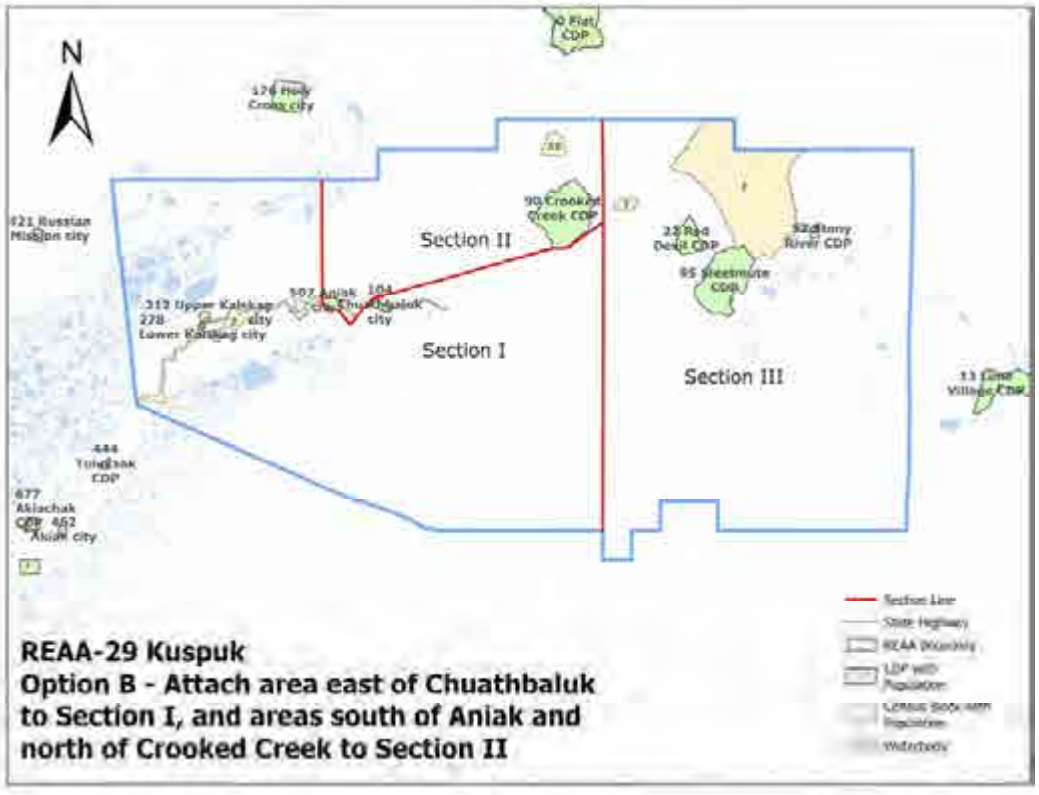
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**199.0**	**-2.59%**
Chuathbaluk	104				
Upper Kalskag	212				
Areas (E of Lower Kalskag)	3				
Lower Kalskag	278				
Total	**597**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**D E F**	**199.0**	**-2.59%**
Aniak	507				
Crooked Creek CDP	90				
Total	**597**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**G**	**236.0**	**15.52%**
Area (S of Aniak)	3				
Area (E of Chuathbaluk)	1				
Area (N of Crooked Creek)	56				
Red Devil CDP	22				
Area (NW of Red Devil)	1				
Sleetmute CDP	95				
Stony River CDP	57				
Area (NW of Stony River)	1				
Total	**236**				

Spread	**18.11%**

29. Kuspuk - Option B



Total Population:	1430	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	204

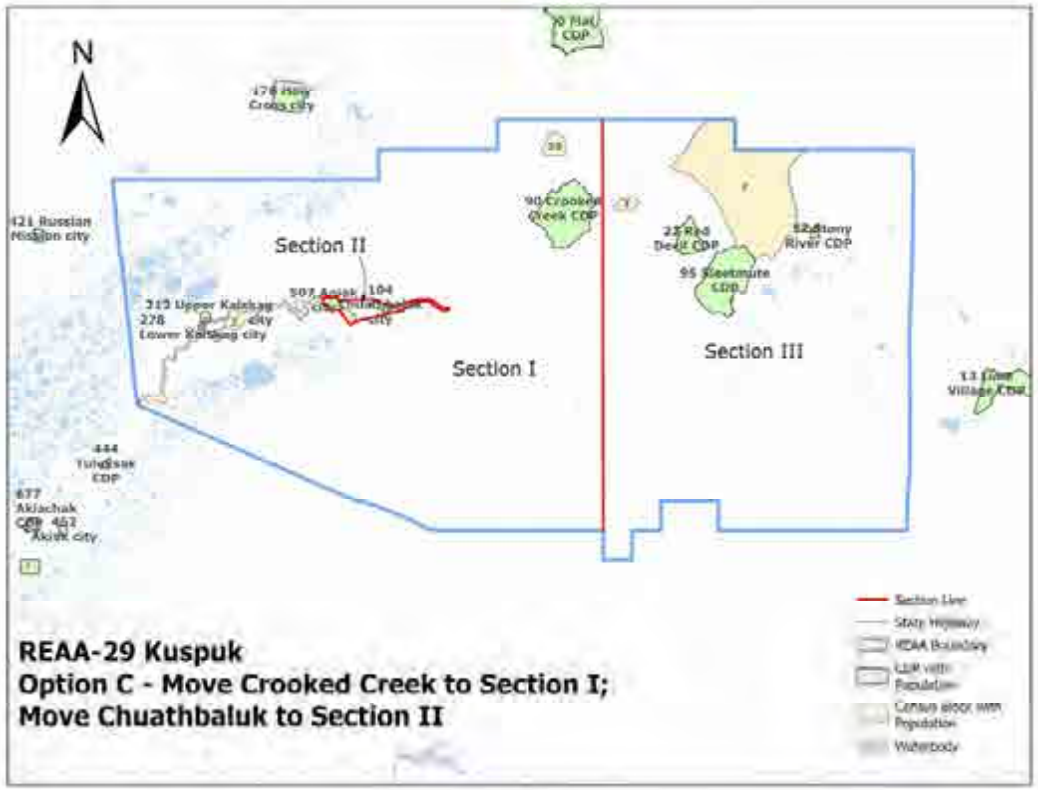
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**199.3**	**-2.42%**
Chuathbaluk	104				
Area (E of Chuathbaluk)	1				
Upper Kalskag	212				
Areas (E of Lower Kalskag)	3				
Lower Kalskag	278				
Total	**598**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**D E F**	**218.7**	**7.04%**
Aniak	507				
Area (S of Aniak)	3				
Crooked Creek CDP	90				
Area (N of Crooked Creek)	56				
Total	**656**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**G**	**176.0**	**-13.85%**
Red Devil CDP	22				
Area (NW of Red Devil)	1				
Sleetmute CDP	95				
Stony River CDP	57				
Area (NW of Stony River)	1				
Total	**176**				

Spread	**20.89%**

29. Kuspuk - Option C



Total Population:	1430	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	204

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**213.0**	**4.27%**
Upper Kalskag	212				
Areas (E of Lower Kalskag)	3				
Lower Kalskag	278				
Crooked Creek CDP	90				
Area (N of Crooked Creek)	56				
Total	**639**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**D E F**	**205.0**	**0.35%**
Aniak	507				
Area (S of Aniak)	3				
Chuathbaluk	104				
Area (E of Chuathbaluk)	1				
Total	**615**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**1**	**G**	**176.0**	**-13.85%**
Red Devil CDP	22				
Area (NW of Red Devil)	1				
Sleetmute CDP	95				
Stony River CDP	57				
Area (NW of Stony River)	1				
Total	**176**				

Spread	**18.12%**

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Kuspuk.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option C as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _C_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Kuspuk** School Board.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
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Invitation for Public Comment

Lower Kuskokwim

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Lower Kuskokwim REAA, the overall deviation is 23.28 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Lower Kuskokwim REAA has five sections containing a total of nine school board seats. Section I has one seat and includes the Cities of Nightmute and Toksook Bay and the communities of Mertarvik, Newtok, and Tununak. Section II has one seat includes the Cities of Chefornak and Mekoryuk and the communities of Kipnuk and Kwigillingok. Section III has two seats and includes the Cities of Kwethluk, Napakiak, Napaskiak and Nunapitchuk and the communities of Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Oscarville, and Tuntutuliak. Section IV has four seats and includes the City of Bethel. Section V has one seat and includes the Cities of Eek, Goodnews Bay, Platinum, and Quinhagak and the community of Kongiganak.

- Option B reduces the number of sections from five to four. Section I has one seat and includes Chefornak, Newtok, Mekoryuk, Toksook Bay, and Tununak. Section II has two seats and includes Eek, Goodnews Bay, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Platinum, Quinhagak, and Tuntutuliak. Section III has two seats and includes Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Mertarvik, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nightmute, Nunapitchuk, and Oscarville. Section IV has four seats and includes Bethel. Option B has an overall deviation of 23.55%.

- Option C also reduces the number of sections from five to four. Section I has one seat and includes Mekoryuk, Mertarvik, Newtok, Nightmute, Toksook Bay, and Tununak. Section II has two seats and includes Chefornak, Eek, Goodnews Bay, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Platinum, and Quinhagak. Section III has two seats and includes Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, and Tuntutuliak. Section IV has four seats and includes Bethel. Option C has an overall deviation of 19.31%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Lower Kuskokwim REAA Is to implement Option C.

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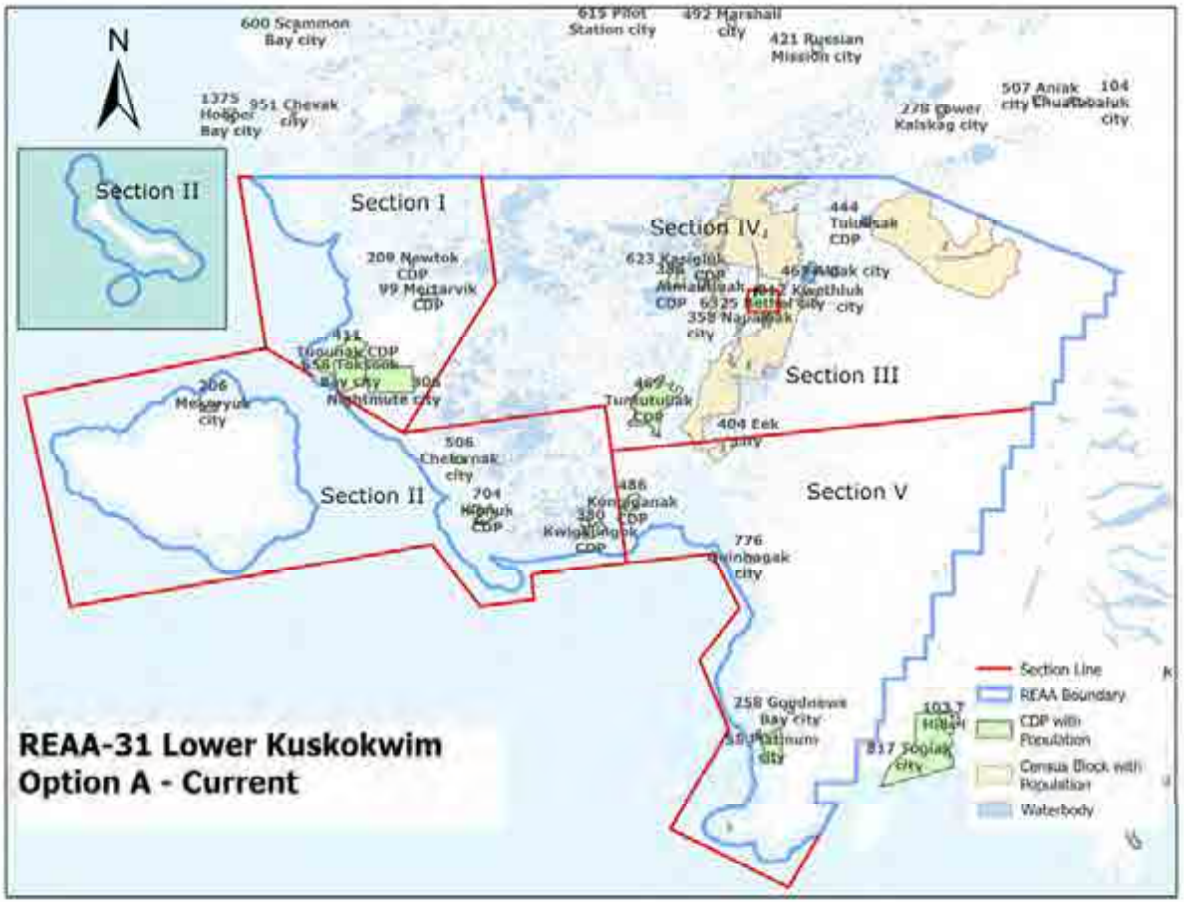
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31. Lower Kuskokwim - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	15633	Seats:	9	Target Pop:	1736

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**1683.0**	**-3.04%**
Mertarvik CDP	99				
Newtok CDP	209				
Nightmute	306				
Toksook Bay	658				
Tununak CDP	411				
Total	**1683**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**1**	**B**	**1796.0**	**3.47%**
Chefornak	506				
Kipnuk	704				
Kwigillingok	360				
Mekoryuk	206				
Total	**1796**				

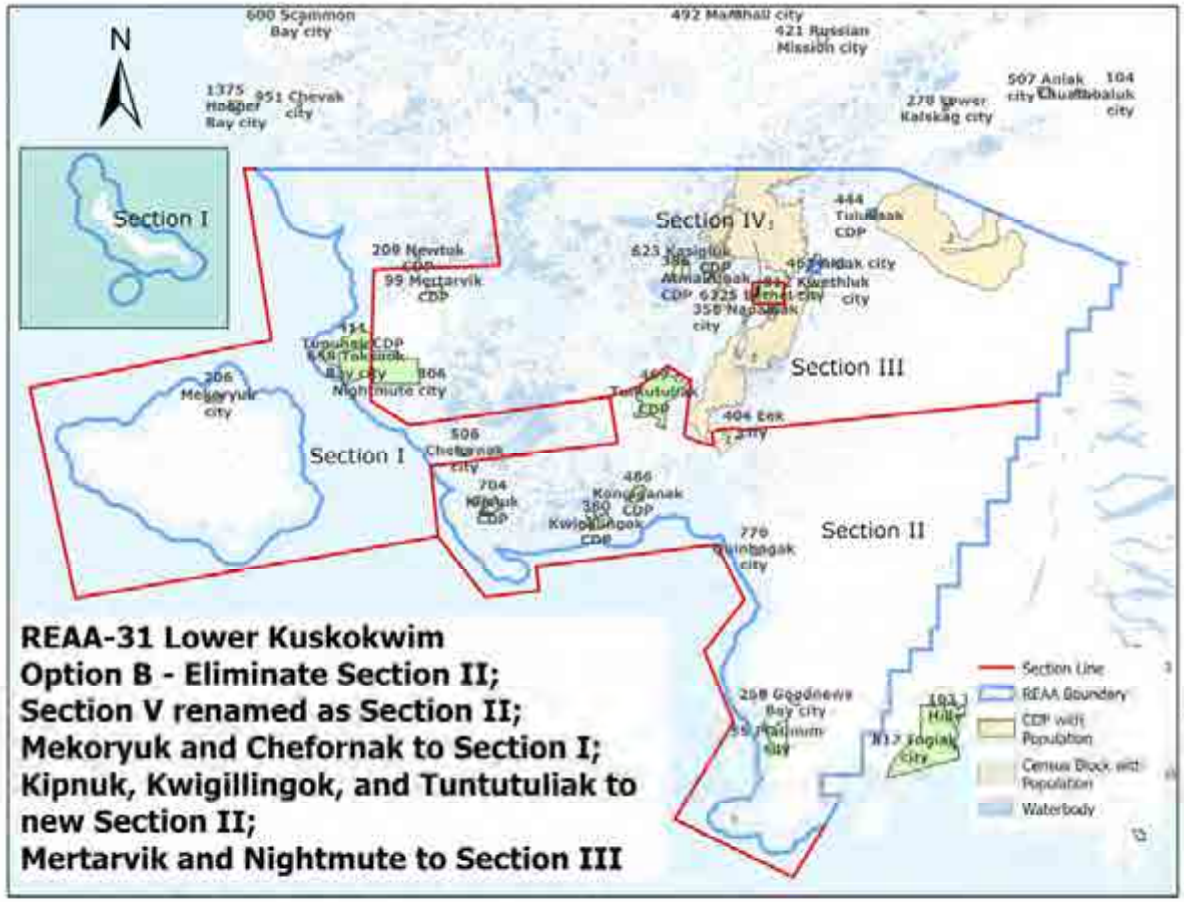
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**C D**	**1916.5**	**10.41%**
Kasigluk	623				
Atmautluak	380				
Area (SE of Atmautluak)	1				
Area (NE of Atmautluak)	1				
Nunapitchuk	584				
Napakiak	356				
Napaskiak	509				
Areas (SW of Napaskiak)	3				
Kwethluk	813				
Oscarville	70				
Tuntutuliak	469				
Areas (N of Kwethluk)	6				
Area (E of Kwethluk)	2				
Total	**3933**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**4**	**E F G H**	**1581.3**	**-8.90%**
Bethel	6325				
Total	**6325**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section V		**1**	**I**	**1985.0**	**14.36%**
Eek	404				
Area (NW of Eek)	1				
Goodnews Bay	258				
Platinum	55				
Area (SW of Platinum)	5				
Quinhagak	776				
Kongiganak	486				
Total	**1985**				

Spread	**23.28%**

31. Lower Kuskokwim - Option B



Total Population:	15622	Seats:	9	Target Pop:	1736

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**1990.0**	**14.65%**
Toksook Bay	658				
Tununak CDP	411				
Chefornak	506				
Newtok CDP	209				
Mekoryuk	206				
Total	**1990**				

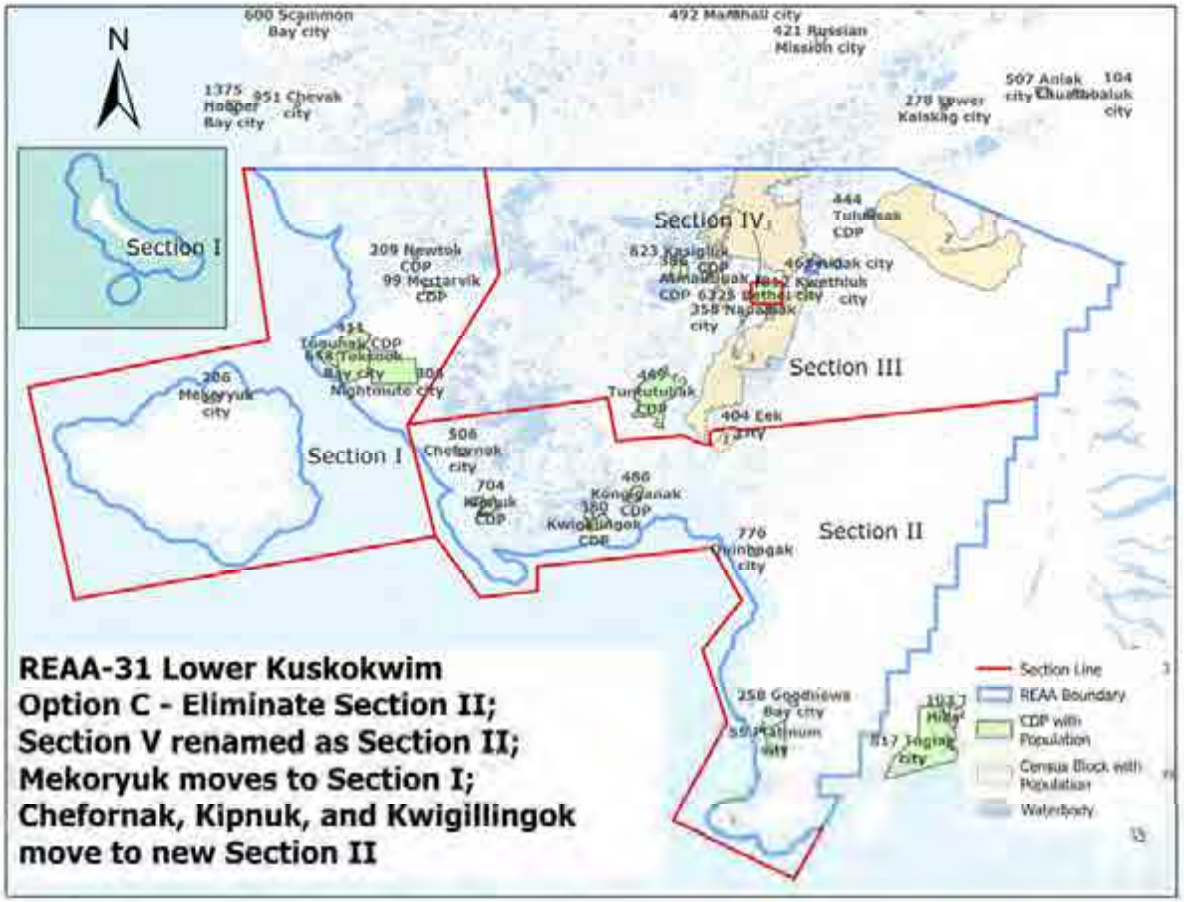
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**B C**	**1769.0**	**1.91%**
Eek	404				
Area (NW of Eek)	1				
Tuntutuliak	469				
Kwigillingok	380				
Kipnuk	704				
Goodnews Bay	258				
Platinum	55				
Area (SW of Platinum)	5				
Quinhagak	770				
Kongiganak	486				
Total	**3538**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**D E**	**1884.5**	**8.57%**
Mertarvik CDP	99				
Nightmute	306				
Kasigluk	623				
Atmautluak	386				
Area (SE of Atmautluak)	1				
Area (NE of Atmautluak)	1				
Nunapitchuk	594				
Napakiak	358				
Napaskiak	509				
Areas (SW of Napaskiak)	2				
Kwethluk	812				
Oscarville	70				
Areas (N of Kwethluk)	6				
Area (E of Kwethluk)	2				
Total	**3769**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		**4**	**F G H I**	**1581.3**	**-8.90%**
Bethel	6325				
Total	**6325**				

Spread	**23.55%**

31. Lower Kuskokwim - Option C



Total Population:	15622	Seats:	9	Target Pop:	1736

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		1	A	1889.0	8.83%
Toksook Bay	658				
Tununak CDP	411				
Nightmute	306				
Newtok CDP	209				
Mertarvik CDP	99				
Mekoryuk	206				
Total	**1889**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		2	B C	1787.5	2.98%
Chefornak	506				
Eek	404				
Area (NW of Eek)	1				
Kwigillingok	380				
Kipnuk	704				
Goodnews Bay	258				
Platinum	55				
Area (SW of Platinum)	5				
Quinhagak	776				
Kongiganak	486				
Total	**3575**				

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Section III		2	D E	1916.5	10.41%
Kasigluk	623				
Atmautluak	386				
Area (SE of Atmautluak)	1				
Area (NE of Atmautluak)	1				
Nunapitchuk	594				
Napakiak	358				
Napaskiak	509				
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Kwethluk	812				
Oscarville	70				
Tuntutuliak	469				
Areas (N of Kwethluk)	6				
Area (E of Kwethluk)	2				
Total	**3833**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		4	F G H I	1581.3	-8.90%
Bethel	6325				
Total	**6325**				

Spread	19.31%

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Lower Kuskokwim.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option C as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _C_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Lower Kuskokwim** School Board.

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Lower Yukon

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Lower Yukon REAA, the overall deviation is 31.42 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Lower Yukon REAA has four sections containing a total of nine school board seats. Section I has three seats and includes the Cities of Alakanuk, Emmonak, and Kotlik. Section II has three seats and includes the Cities of Hooper Bay, Nunam Iqua, and Scammon Bay. Section III has two seats and includes the Cities of Mountain Village and Pilot Station and the community of Pitka's Point. Section IV has one seat and includes the Cities of Marshall and Russian Mission.

- Option B combines Sections III and IV into a single section with three seats. Option B has an overall deviation of 2.07%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Lower Yukon REAA Is to implement Option B.

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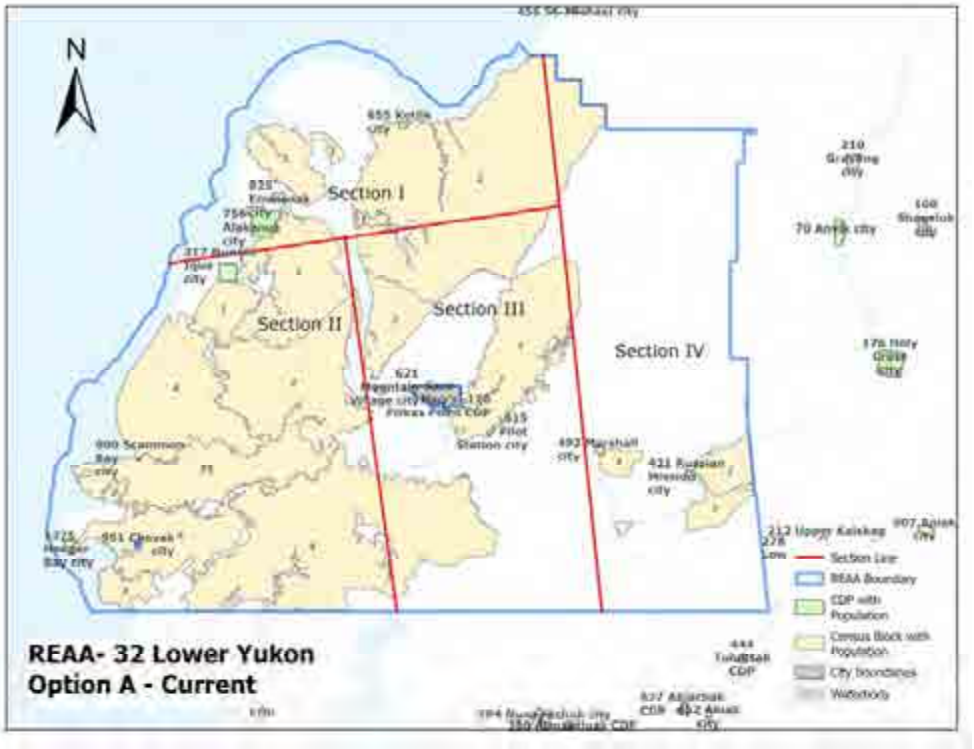
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32. Lower Yukon - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	6818	Seats:	9	Target Pop:	758

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		3	A B C	748.3	-1.22%
Alakanuk	756				
Emmonak	825				
Areas (NE of Emmonak)	3				
Areas (SW of Kotlik)	4				
Area (NE of Kotlik)	3				
Kotlik	654				
Total	**2245**				

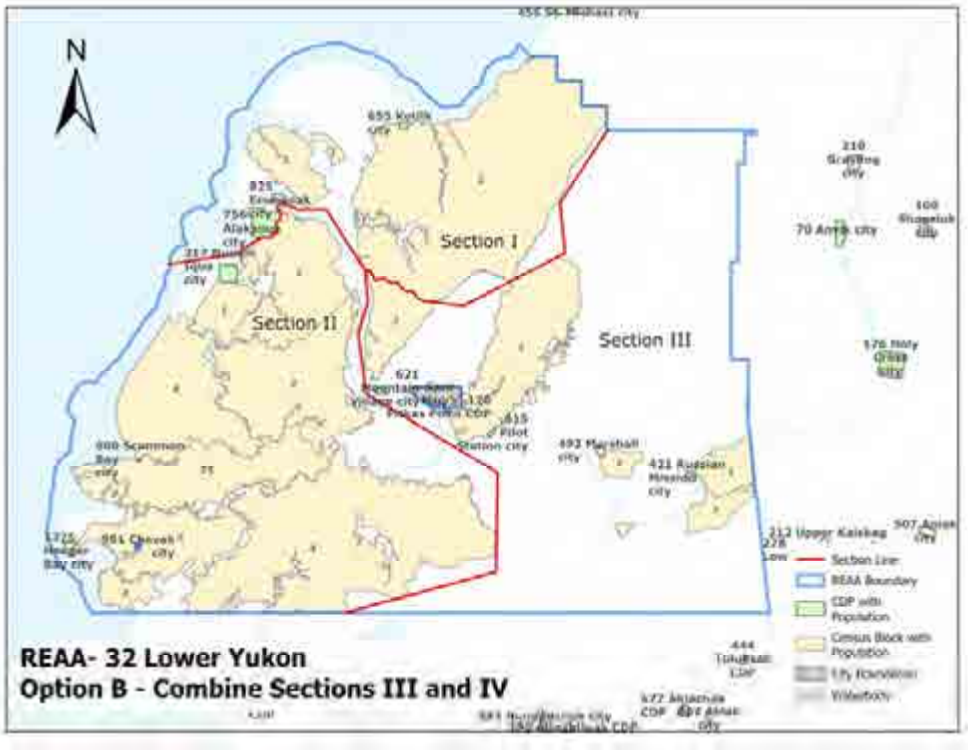
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		3	D E F	764.0	0.85%
Hooper Bay	1375				
Areas (E & SE of Hooper Bay)	6				
Scammon Bay	600				
Areas (SE of Scammon Bay)	79				
Areas (W & SW of Scammon Bay)	6				
Nunam Iqua	217				
Areas (W & S of Nunam Iqua)	9				
Total	**2292**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		2	G H	681.0	-10.11%
Mountain Village	621				
Area (N of Mountain Village)	3				
Area (E of Mountain Village)	2				
Pilot Station	615				
Area (NW of Pilot Station)	1				
Pitka's Point CDP	120				
Total	**1362**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		1	I	919.0	21.31%
Marshall	492				
Area (SE of Marshall)	1				
Russian Mission	421				
Area (SE of Russian Mission)	1				
Area (W of Russian Mission)	4				
Total	**919**				

Spread	31.42%

32. Lower Yukon - Option B



Total Population:	6818	Seats:	9	Target Pop:	758

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**748.3**	**-1.22%**
Alakanuk	756				
Emmonak	825				
Areas (NE of Emmonak)	2				
Areas (SW of Kotlik)	4				
Area (NE of Kotlik)	3				
Kotlik	655				
Total	**2245**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**D E F**	**764.0**	**0.85%**
Hooper Bay	1375				
Areas (E & SE of Hooper Bay)	6				
Scammon Bay	600				
Areas (SE of Scammon Bay)	79				
Areas (W & SW of Scammon Bay)	6				
Nunam Iqua	217				
Areas (W & S of Nunam Iqua)	9				
Total	**2292**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**3**	**G H I**	**760.3**	**0.37%**
Mountain Village	621				
Area (N of Mountain Village)	3				
Area (E of Mountain Village)	2				
Pilot Station	615				
Area (NW of Pilot Station)	1				
Pitka's Point CDP	120				
Marshall	492				
Area (SE of Marshall)	1				
Russian Mission	421				
Area (SE of Russian Mission)	1				
Area (W of Russian Mission)	4				
Total	**2281**				

Spread	**2.07%**

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Lower Yukon.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option B as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _B_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Lower Yukon** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson**,** Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: __November 19_____, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Pribilof

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Pribilof REAA has two sections containing a total of five school board seats. Section I includes the City of Saint Paul has four seats. Section II includes the City of Saint George has one seat. Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Pribilof REAA, the overall deviation is 37.76 percent.

While an overall deviation of 37.76% is higher than what is generally considered acceptable, the two means of reducing the deviation are to either reduce the number of sections from two to one or to increase the number of school board seats from five to seven, which would reduce the deviation to 2.67%. A single REAA section is likely to result in Saint George having no local representation on the school board, while increasing the number of school board seats should only be initiated by the voters of the REAA.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Pribilof REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
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If you are interested in the apportionment of the Pribilof REAA school board, you are invited to submit comments. You may do so verbally or in writing.

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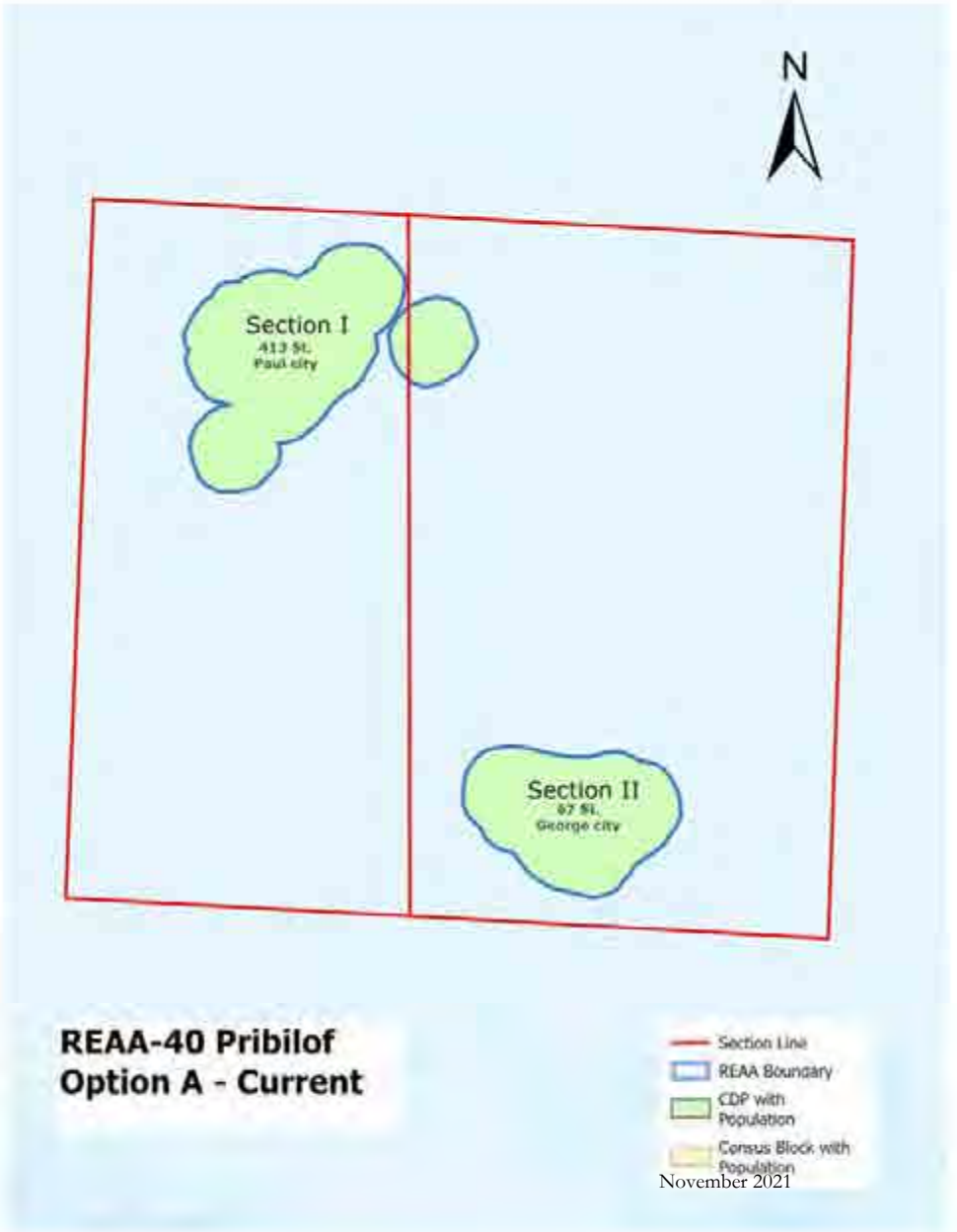
40. Pribilof (Status Quo)

Total Population:	480	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	96

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**4**	**A B C D**	**103.3**	**7.55%**
Saint Paul	413				
Total	**413**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**1**	**E**	**67.0**	**-30.21%**
Saint George	67				
Total	**67**				

Spread	**37.76%**



Comments:

No comments were received regarding Pribilof.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Pribilof** School Board.

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Invitation for Public Comment

Southeast Island

Regional Education Attendance Area School Board Recasting

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A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Southeast Island REAA, the overall deviation is 75.48 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, excepting the portions affected by the creation of the Petersburg Borough, which has absorbed the City of Kupreanof and portions of Mitkof Island, the Southeast Island REAA has two sections containing a total of five school board seats. Section I has one seat and includes the City of Thorne Bay. Section II has four seats and includes the Cities of Coffman Cove, Kasaan, Port Alexander, and Whale Pass and the communities of Edna Bay, Hollis, Hyder, Naukati, Point Baker, and Port Protection. The existing school board apportionment scheme has an overall deviation of 75.48%, which has been greatly exacerbated by the creation of the Petersburg Borough.

- Option B moves the City of Kasaan and the communities of Hollis and Hyder into Section I. In Option B, Section I would have three seats and Section II would have two seats. Option B has an overall deviation of 13.17%.
- Option C would move the community of Hyder into Section I. In Option C, Section I would have two seats and Section II would have three seats. Option B has an overall deviation of 13.45%

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Southeast Island REAA is to implement Option C.

More information on the REAA recasting can be found at
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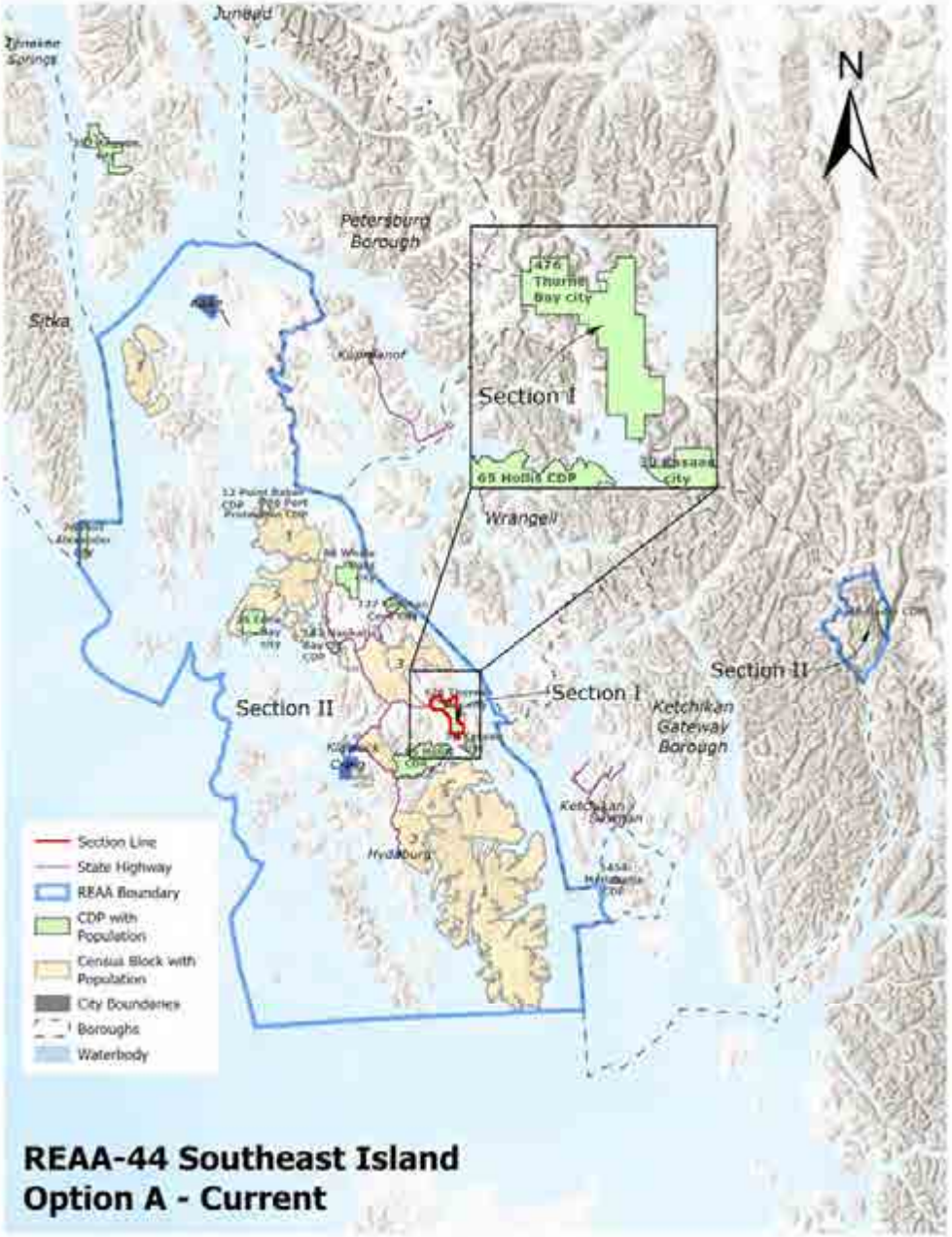
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44. Southeast Island - Option A (Status Quo)



Total Population:	1512	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	302

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**1**	**A**	**485.0**	**60.38%**
Thorne Bay	476				
Area (E of Thorne Bay)	9				
Total	**485**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**4**	**B C D E**	**256.8**	**-15.10%**
Coffman Cove	127				
Area (E of Craig)	295				
Edna Bay CDP	25				
Area (N of Edna Bay)	5				
Hollis CDP	65				
Areas (S of Hollis)	9				
Hyder CDP	48				
Area (S of Hyder)	23				
Kasaan	30				
Area (SW of Kake)	2				
Areas (SE of Kake)	1				
Naukati Bay CDP	142				
Areas (NW of Naukati Bay)	22				
Areas (E of Naukati Bay)	15				
Point Baker CDP	12				
Port Alexander	78				
Port Protection CDP	36				
Areas (N & S of Port Protection)	3				
Whale Pass	86				
Area (W of Whale Pass)	3				
Total	**1027**				

Spread	75.48%

44. Southeast Island - Option B



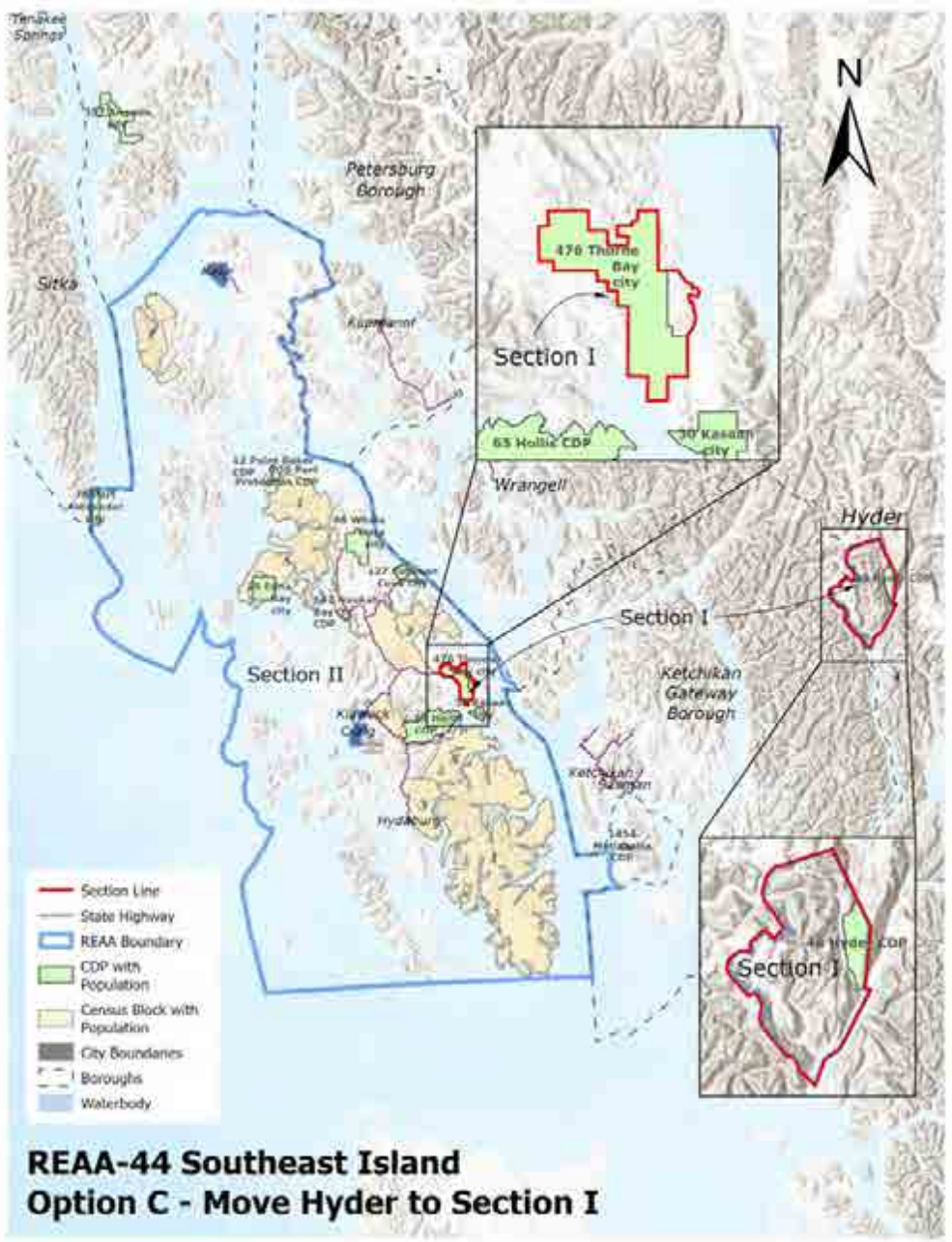
Total Population:	1512	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	302

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**318.3**	**5.27%**
Thorne Bay	476				
Area (E of Thorne Bay)	9				
Area (E of Craig)	295				
Hollis CDP	65				
Areas (S of Hollis)	9				
Kasaan	30				
Hyder CDP	48				
Area (S of Hyder)	23				
Total	**955**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**278.5**	**-7.90%**
Coffman Cove	127				
Edna Bay CDP	25				
Area (N of Edna Bay)	5				
Area (SW of Kake)	2				
Areas (SE of Kake)	1				
Naukati Bay CDP	142				
Areas (NW of Naukati Bay)	22				
Areas (E of Naukati Bay)	15				
Point Baker CDP	12				
Port Alexander	78				
Port Protection CDP	36				
Areas (N & S of Port Protection)	3				
Whale Pass	86				
Area (W of Whale Pass)	3				
Total	**557**				

Spread	13.17%

44. Southeast Island - Option C



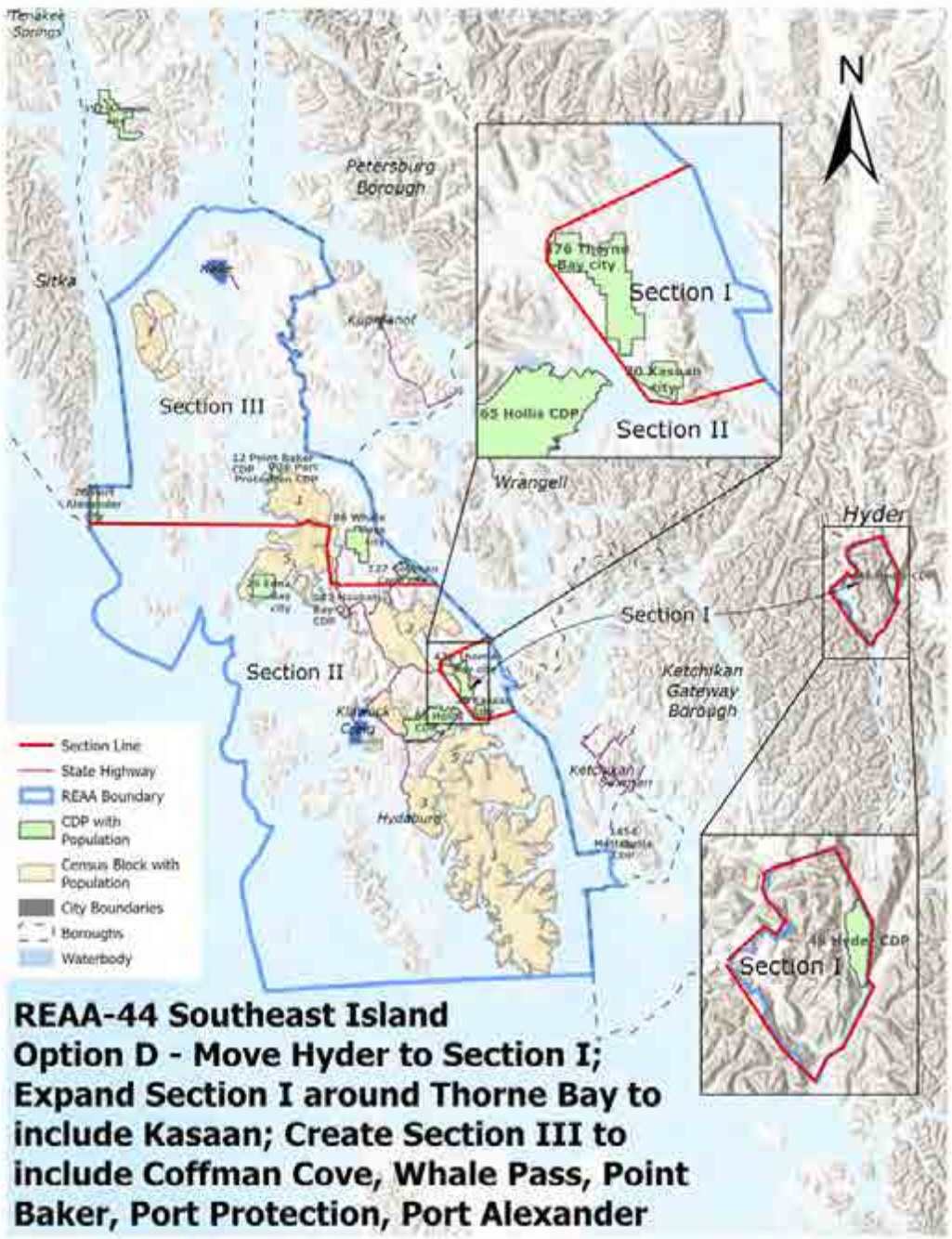
Total Population:	1512	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	302

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**278.0**	**-8.07%**
Thorne Bay	476				
Area (E of Thorne Bay)	9				
Hyder CDP	48				
Area (S of Hyder)	23				
Total	**556**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**318.7**	**5.38%**
Coffman Cove	127				
Edna Bay CDP	25				
Area (N of Edna Bay)	5				
Area (SW of Kake)	2				
Areas (SE of Kake)	1				
Area (E of Craig)	295				
Hollis CDP	65				
Areas (S of Hollis)	9				
Kasaan	30				
Naukati Bay CDP	142				
Areas (NW of Naukati Bay)	22				
Areas (E of Naukati Bay)	15				
Point Baker CDP	12				
Port Alexander	78				
Port Protection CDP	36				
Areas (N & S of Port Protection)	3				
Whale Pass	86				
Area (W of Whale Pass)	3				
Total	**956**				

Spread	13.45%

44. Southeast Island - Option D



Total Population:	1512	Seats:	5	Target Pop:	302

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		2	A B	293.0	-3.11%
Thorne Bay	476				
Area (E of Thorne Bay)	9				
Kasaan	30				
Hyder CDP	48				
Area (S of Hyder)	23				
Total	**586**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		2	C D	289.0	-4.43%
Area (E of Craig)	295				
Hollis CDP	65				
Areas (S of Hollis)	9				
Edna Bay CDP	25				
Area (N of Edna Bay)	5				
Naukati Bay CDP	142				
Areas (NW of Naukati Bay)	22				
Areas (E of Naukati Bay)	15				
Total	**578**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		1	E	348.0	15.08%
Coffman Cove	127				
Area (SW of Kake)	2				
Areas (SE of Kake)	1				
Point Baker CDP	12				
Port Alexander	78				
Port Protection CDP	36				
Areas (N & S of Port Protection)	3				
Whale Pass	86				
Area (W of Whale Pass)	3				
Total	**348**				

Spread	19.51%

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10-14-2021

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the REAA 19 reapportionment proposals.
I am writing in support of Option B.

Any of the Options have the potential for "clumping" of the SISD School Board seats between two SISD communities. In the following examples, I am using "Thorne Bay" as a representative community in Section I and "Naukati" as a representative community in Section II. But, substituting any community located within the respective Sections is equally valid.

Option A allows only one Thorne Bay resident to be on the Board. Yet it allows for the possibility of four Naukati residents on the Board. Naukati residents could occupy 80% of the Board seats.

Option B allows for the possibility of three Thorne Bay residents on the Board. Both the remaining seats could be held by Naukati residents. Thorne Bay residents could occupy 60% of the Board seats.

Option C allows for the possibility of two Thorne Bay residents on the Board. All three remaining seats could be held by Naukati residents. Naukati residents could occupy 60% of the Board seats.

I feel Option B is the best Option to fairly distribute Board seats among the SISD population. My personal ranking is:

1st choice: Option B
2nd choice: Option C
3rd choice: Option A

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Lynette Carlson

Lynette Carlson
Thorne Bay, Alaska
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Comments:

The following comments (asee also above) were received regarding Southeast Island REAA:

Name: Hardy Saffold
Community: Port Alexander
REAA: Southeast Region

Comments: Not in favor of current recommended proposed section C. Hardy's primary concern is that even though the community of Hyder and the surrounding areas would now be incorporated in Section I, the additional school board seat given to Section I would be controlled mostly by Thorne Bay. He worries that Thorne Bay would have two seats whereas the remaining nine communities would have to share three seats. In his opinion, that gives Thorne Bay too much control over the surrounding communities.
Additionally, he also questioned whether the Hyder School was open and if moving them into Section I and giving them an additional seat would even benefit Hyder. (DCRA Note: Hyder School is not open for school year 2021/2022).

Lastly, while he understands that the incorporation of Petersburg took some of the population away from Section II, because Thorne Bay's population remained relatively static between 2010 and 2020, the removal of people due to the formation of the Borough should not result in Thorne Bay getting an additional seat. Thorne Bay should continue to only have one seat giving that the population size has not changed.

He feels that the Southeast Island REAA is a highly diverse region and taking a seat away from Section II and giving it to section I would limit the diversity of the school board. He is in favor of Option A, Status Quo.

Recommendation:

In consideration of the substance of the comments received and the desire of the commenters for no single community to hold a majority of board seats, DCRA has developed an additional Option D (above) which it now recommends.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _D_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Southeast Island** School Board.

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Invitation for Public Comment

Southwest Region

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A generally accepted standard for equal representation is that the population represented by each school board member not vary more than plus or minus five percent from the average. The average is determined by taking the total population of the REAA and dividing it by the total number of school board seats. When current representation varies by more than plus or minus five percent, the Commissioner must recast the boundaries of each section to more closely meet the standard.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Southwest Region REAA has two sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has four seats and includes the Cities of Clark's Point, Manokotak, and Togiak and the community of Twin Hills. Section II has three seats and includes the Cities of Aleknagik, Ekwok, and New Stuyahok and the communities of Koliganek and Portage Creek. The existing school board apportionment scheme has an overall deviation of 1.61%. The Southwest Region REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to be compliant with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Southwest Region REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

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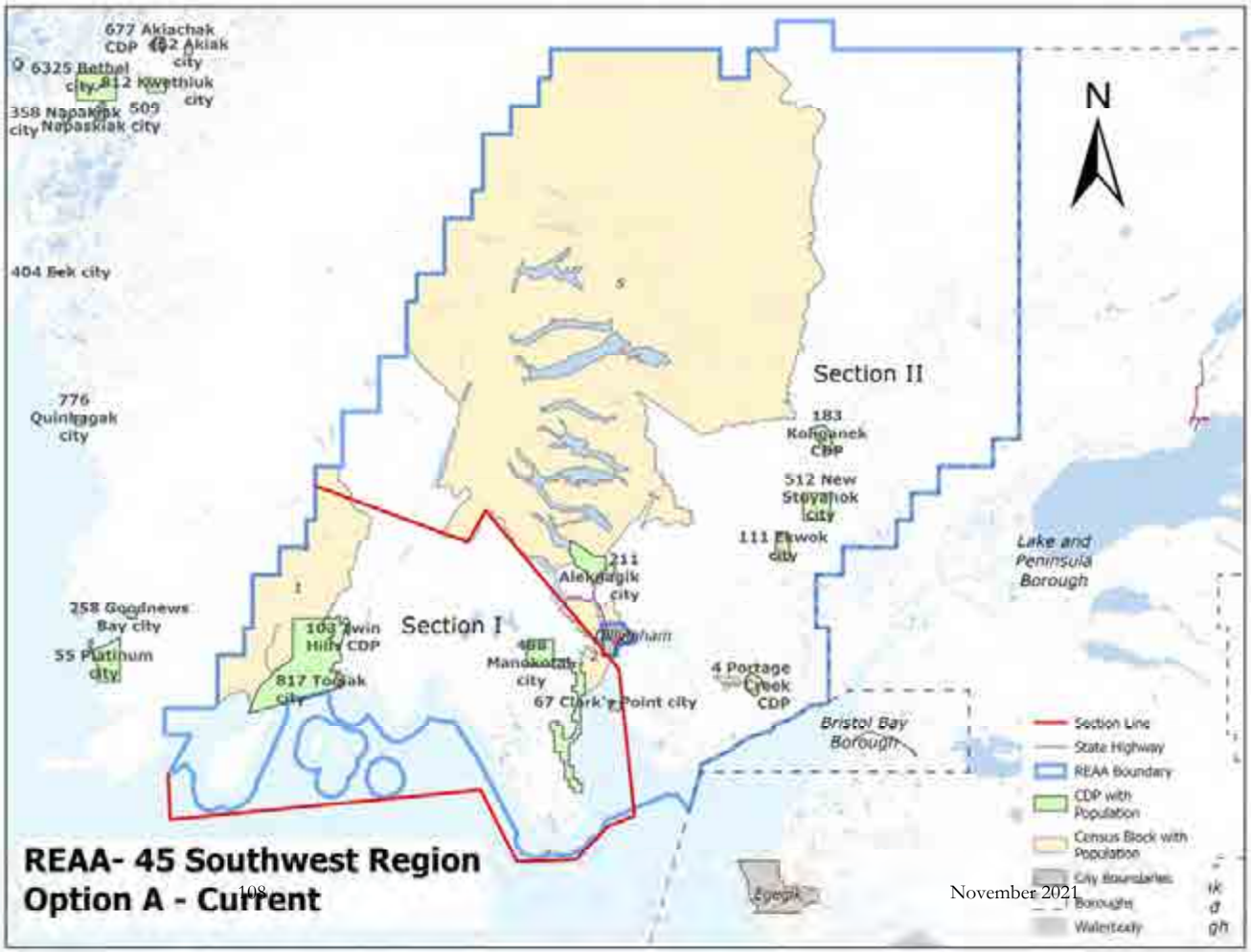
45. Southwest Region Option A

Total Population:	2608	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	373

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		4	A B C D	370.0	-0.69%
Manokotak	488				
Areas (N & W of Manokotak)	2				
Togiak	817				
Area (N of Togiak)	1				
Twin Hills CDP	103				
Clark's Point	67				
Area (S of Clark's Point)	2				
Total	**1480**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		3	E F G	376.0	0.92%
Aleknagik	211				
Areas (NW of Dillingham)	87				
Area (S of Dillingham)	14				
Ekwok	111				
Koliganek CDP	183				
Area (NW of Koliganek)	5				
New Stuyahok	512				
Area (W of Portage Creek)	1				
Portage Creek CDP	4				
Total	**1128**				

Spread	1.61%



Comments:

No comments were received regarding Southwest Region.

Recommendation:

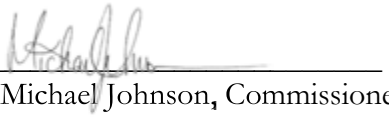
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Commissioner Decision:

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Yukon Flats REAA, the overall deviation is 29.19 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Yukon Flats REAA has three sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has two seats and includes the communities of Arctic Village, Beaver, and Venetie. Section II has three seats and includes the City of Fort Yukon and the community of Birch Creek. Section III has two seats and includes the communities of Central, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Livengood, Rampart, and Stevens Village.

- Option B moves Beaver from Section I into Section II and areas north of Chalkyitsik from Section I into Section III. Option B has an overall deviation of 5.57%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Yukon Flats REAA is to implement Option B.

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51. Yukon Flats - Option A (Status Quo)

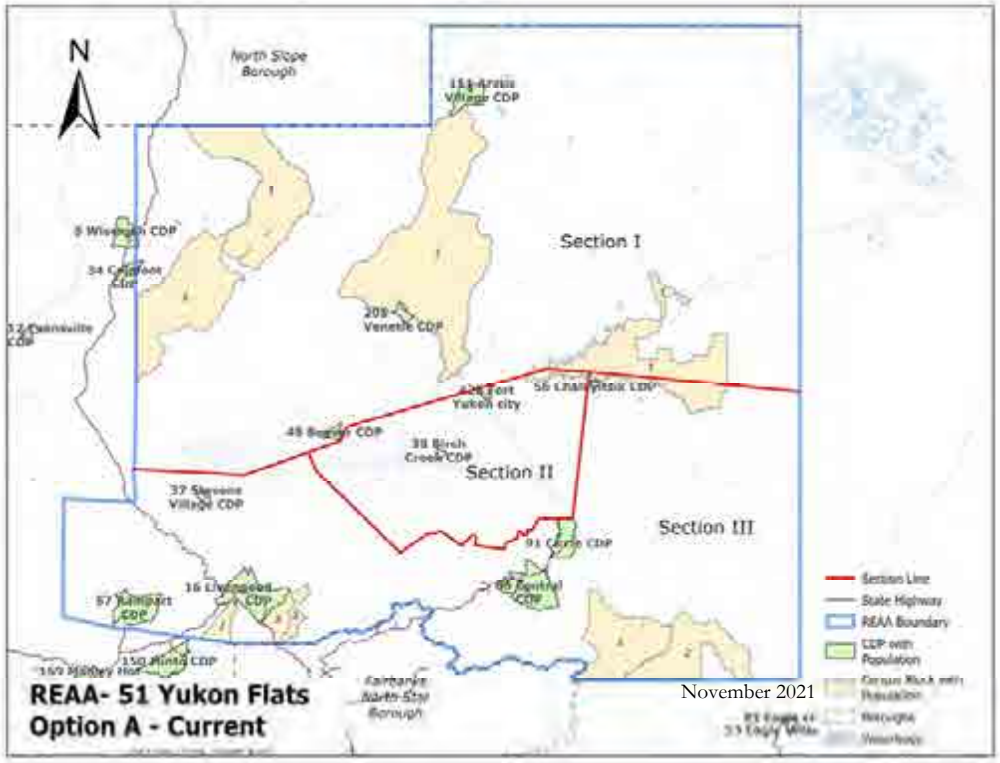
Total Population:	1215	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	174

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**205.0**	**18.11%**
Arctic Village CDP	151				
Areas (N of Chalkyitsik)	2				
Beaver CDP	48				
Venetie CDP	205				
Area (N of Venetie)	1				
Areas (W of Venetie)	3				
Total	410				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**154.3**	**-11.08%**
Fort Yukon	428				
Birch Creek CDP	35				
Total	**463**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**171.0**	**-1.48%**
Central CDP	66				
Areas (E of Central)	3				
Circle CDP	91				
Areas (S of Livengood)	1				
Livengood CDP	16				
Areas (E of Livengood)	15				
Rampart CDP	57				
Chalkyitsik CDP	56				
Stevens Village CDP	37				
Total	**342**				

Spread	**29.19%**



51. Yukon Flats - Option B

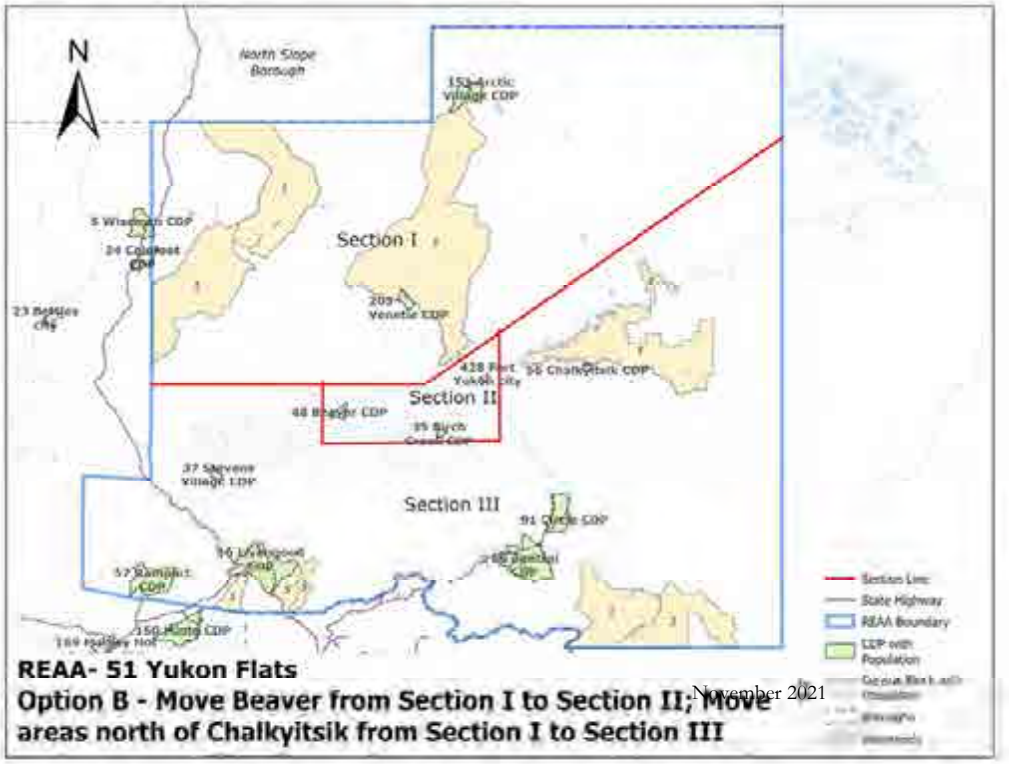
Total Population:	1215	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	174

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**180.0**	**3.70%**
Arctic Village CDP	151				
Venetie CDP	205				
Area (N of Venetie)	1				
Areas (W of Venetie)	3				
Total	360				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**170.3**	**-1.87%**
Fort Yukon	428				
Beaver CDP	48				
Birch Creek CDP	35				
Total	**511**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**172.0**	**-0.91%**
Central CDP	66				
Areas (E of Central)	3				
Circle CDP	91				
Areas (S of Livengood)	1				
Livengood CDP	16				
Areas (E of Livengood)	15				
Rampart CDP	57				
Chalkyitsik CDP	56				
Areas (N of Chalkyitsik)	2				
Stevens Village CDP	37				
Total	**344**				

Spread	**5.57%**



REAA- 51 Yukon Flats
Option B - Move Beaver from Section I to Section II; Move areas north of Chalkyitsik from Section I to Section III

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Yukon Flats.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option B as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _B_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Yukon Flats** School Board.

____This apportionment is unchanged from the current board seat boundaries.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Date: November 19, 2021

Invitation for Public Comment

Yukon-Koyukuk

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme for the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA, the overall deviation is 43.82 percent. Accordingly, to more closely meet the equal representation standard, the options identified below **(*see attached map*)** are being put forth for discussion and public comment. One of these options, or an option identified through the public comment process, may be recommended to the Commissioner for adoption as a replacement for the existing apportionment scheme.

Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, Yukon-Koyukuk REAA has three sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has two seats and includes the Cities of Allakaket, Bettles, Hughes, and Huslia and the communities of Alatna, Coldfoot, Evansville and Wiseman. Section II has three seats and includes the Cities of Kaltag, Koyukuk, Nulato and Ruby. Section III has two seats and includes the communities of Four Mile Road, Manley Hot Springs, and Minto as well as the areas along the Parks Highway south of Nenana and north of Four Mile.

- Option B moves Hughes to Section II, moves Huslia to its own section (Section III), and renames Section III as Section IV. In Option B, Section I has one seat, Section II has three seats, Section III has one seat, and Section IV has two seats. Option B has an overall deviation of 26.92%.
- Option C moves Hughes and Huslia from Section I to Section II. In Option C, Section I has one seat, Section II has four seats, and Section III has two seats. Option C has an overall deviation of 21.82%.

Based on the REAA's demographic, socio-economic, linguistic, transportation, cultural, and communication considerations, the recommendation for the Yukon-Koyukuk REAA is to implement Option C.

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52. Yukon-Koyukuk - Option A (Status Quo)

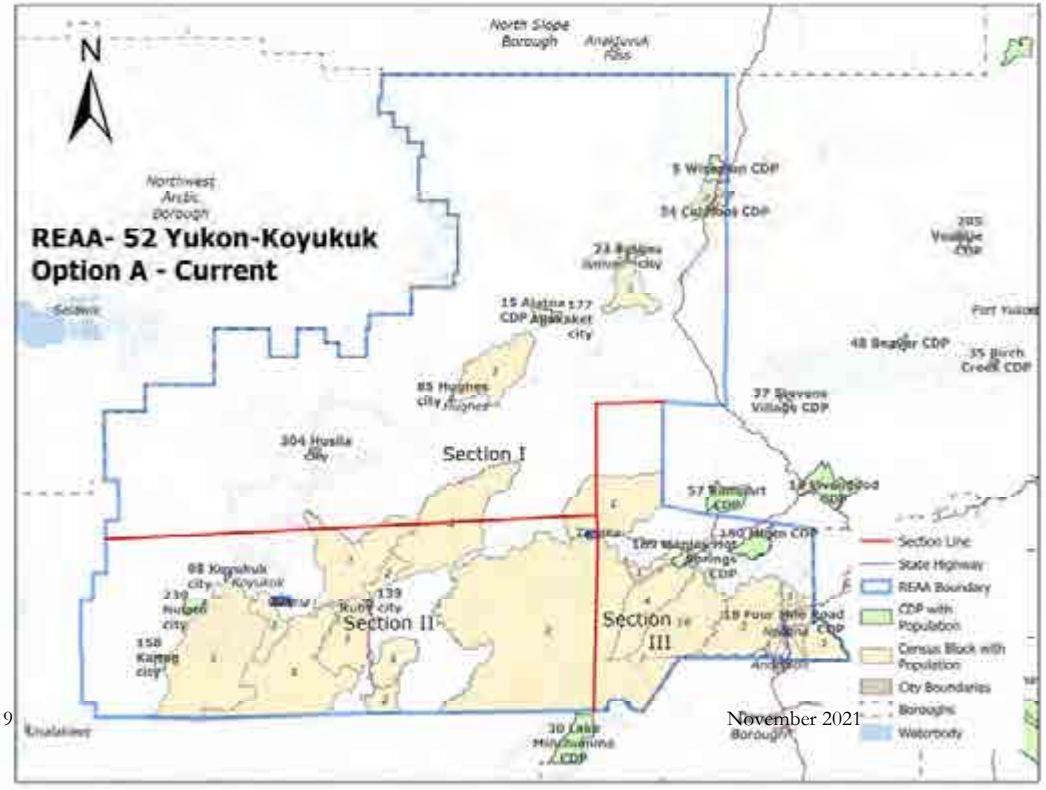
Total Population:	1981	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	283

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**2**	**A B**	**342.0**	**20.85%**
Allakaket	177				
Alatna CDP	15				
Bettles	23				
Areas (S of Bettles)	1				
Coldfoot CDP	34				
Area (N of Coldfoot)	4				
Area (S of Coldfoot)	22				
Evansville CDP	12				
Hughes	85				
Areas (N of Hughes)	2				
Huslia	304				
Wiseman CDP	5				
Total	**684**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**3**	**C D E**	**218.0**	**-22.97%**
Kaltag	158				
Koyukuk	98				
Area (S & SW of Koyukuk)	6				
Nulato	239				
Ruby	139				
Areas (N of Ruby)	7				
Area (E of Ruby W of Manley)	2				
Area (S of Ruby)	5				
Total	**654**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**321.5**	**13.60%**
Highway Area (Near Nenana)	261				
Areas (S of Manley)	24				
Areas (W of Manley)	4				
Areas (NE of Manley)	17				
Four Mile Road CDP	18				
Manley Hot Springs CDP	169				
Minto CDP	150				
Total	**643**				

Spread	**43.82%**



52. Yukon-Koyukuk - Option B

Total Population:	1981	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	283

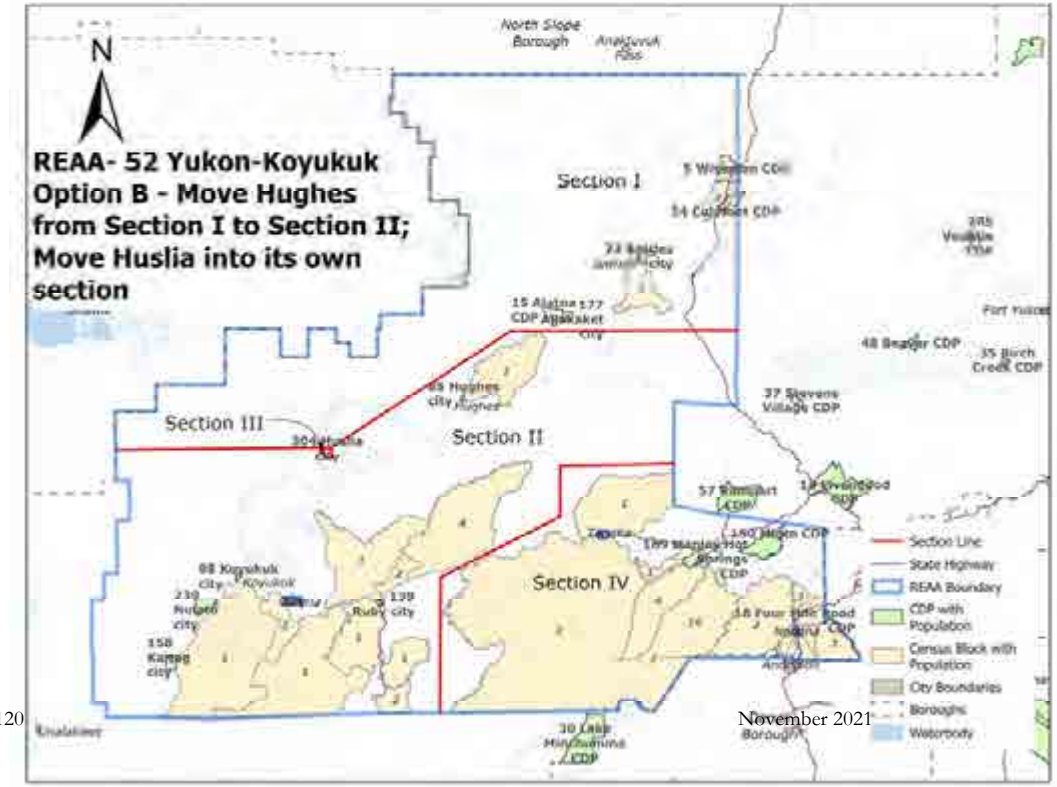
	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		1	A	293.0	3.53%
Allakaket	177				
Alatna CDP	15				
Bettles	23				
Areas (S of Bettles)	1				
Coldfoot CDP	34				
Area (N of Coldfoot)	4				
Area (S of Coldfoot)	22				
Evansville CDP	12				
Wiseman CDP	5				
Total	**293**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		3	B C D	246.3	-12.96%
Kaltag	158				
Koyukuk	98				
Area (S & SW of Koyukuk)	6				
Hughes	85				
Areas (N of Hughes)	2				
Nulato	239				
Ruby	139				
Areas (N of Ruby)	7				
Area (S of Ruby)	5				
Total	**739**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		1	E	304.0	7.42%
Huslia	304				
Total	**304**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section IV		2	F G	322.5	13.96%
Highway Area (Near Nenana)	261				
Areas (S of Manley)	24				
Areas (W of Manley)	6				
Areas (NE of Manley)	17				
Four Mile Road CDP	18				
Manley Hot Springs CDP	169				
Minto CDP	150				
Total	**645**				

Spread	26.92%



52. Yukon-Koyukuk - Option C

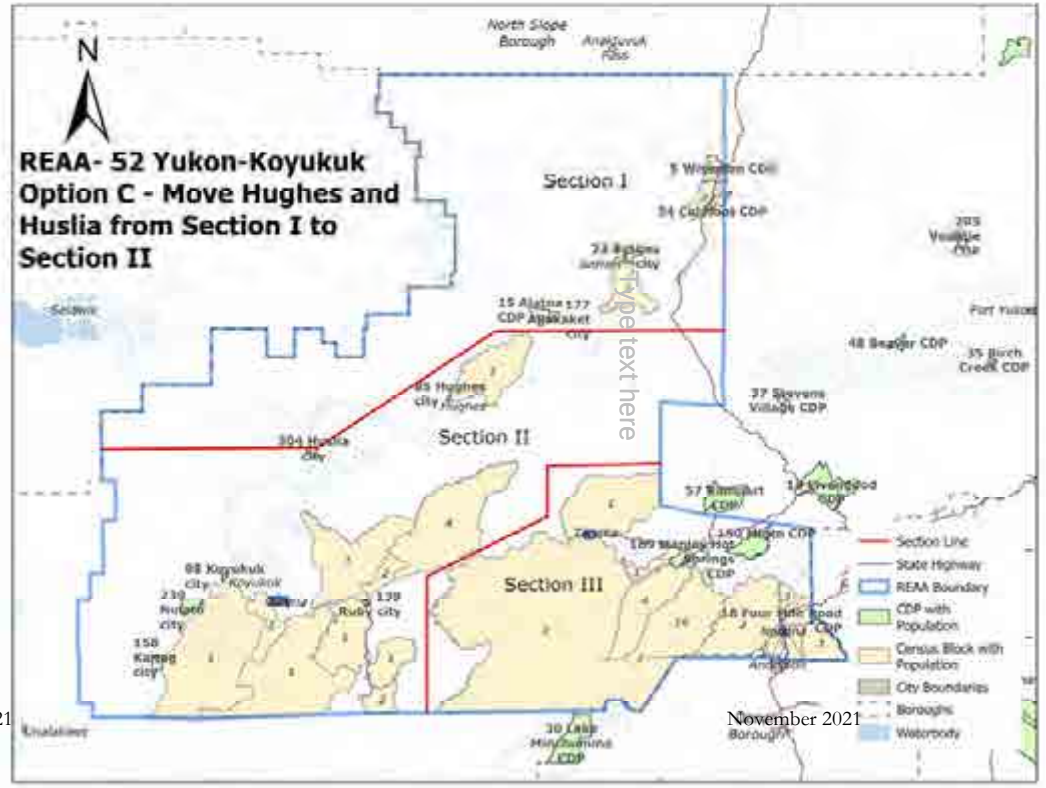
Total Population:	1981	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	283

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		1	A	293.0	3.53%
Allakaket	177				
Alatna CDP	15				
Betties	23				
Areas (S of Bettles)	1				
Coldfoot CDP	34				
Area (N of Cold'oot)	4				
Area (S of Cold'oot)	22				
Evansville CDP	12				
Wiseman CDP	5				
Total	**293**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		4	B C D E	260.8	-7.86%
Kaltag	158				
Koyukuk	98				
Area (S & SW of Koyukuk)	6				
Hughes	85				
Areas (N of Hughes)	2				
Huslia	304				
Nulato	239				
Ruby	139				
Areas (N of Ruby)	7				
Area (S of Ruby)	5				
Total	**1043**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		2	F G	322.5	13.96%
Highway Area (Near Nenana)	261				
Areas (S of Manley)	24				
Areas (W of Manley)	6				
Areas (NE of Manley)	17				
Four Mile Road CDP	18				
Manley Hot Springs CDP	169				
Minto CDP	150				
Total	**645**				

Spread	**21.82%**



Comments:

The following comment was received regarding Yukon-Koyukuk REAA:

Dian Gurtler, Board Member, Yukon-Koyukuk School Board

(Handwritten note) "My choice in this matter is status quo. My reasoning Section III may pick up 1 or 2 schools in the future so am allowing for that."

Recommendation:

The public comment may refer either to Rampart School, which is within the borders of the Yukon Flats REAA but administered by Yukon-Koyukuk REAA, or to the schools within the City of Nenana. The City of Nenana is obligated to operate a public school district, based upon its Title 29 responsibilities as a First Class City in the Unorganized Borough.

Presently, the only recognized mechanisms for the border of an REAA to be adjusted are 1) the formation of a borough which encroaches on an existing REAA border &/or envelops a First Class City within the newly created borough or 2) the formation or expansion of a First Class City within the Unorganized Borough.

There is no indication that a borough government will be created within this area. In the unlikely case that a borough government is formed, the REAA would cease to exist and voting districts would become the responsibility of the newly formed borough. Given these points, DCRA cannot accept speculation that additional schools will be added to Section III.

DCRA continues to recommend Option C.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _C_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Yukon-Koyukuk** School Board.

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Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

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Invitation for Public Comment

Yupiit

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Under the existing school board apportionment scheme, the Yupiit REAA has three sections containing a total of seven school board seats. Section I has three seats and includes the community of Akiachak. Section II has two seats and includes the community of Tuluksak. Section III has two seats and includes the City of Akiak. The existing school board apportionment scheme has an overall deviation of 3.97%. The Yupiit REAA's current section and apportionment scheme appears to be compliant with AS 14.08.051.

The recommendation for the Yupiit REAA is to maintain the existing section and apportionment scheme.

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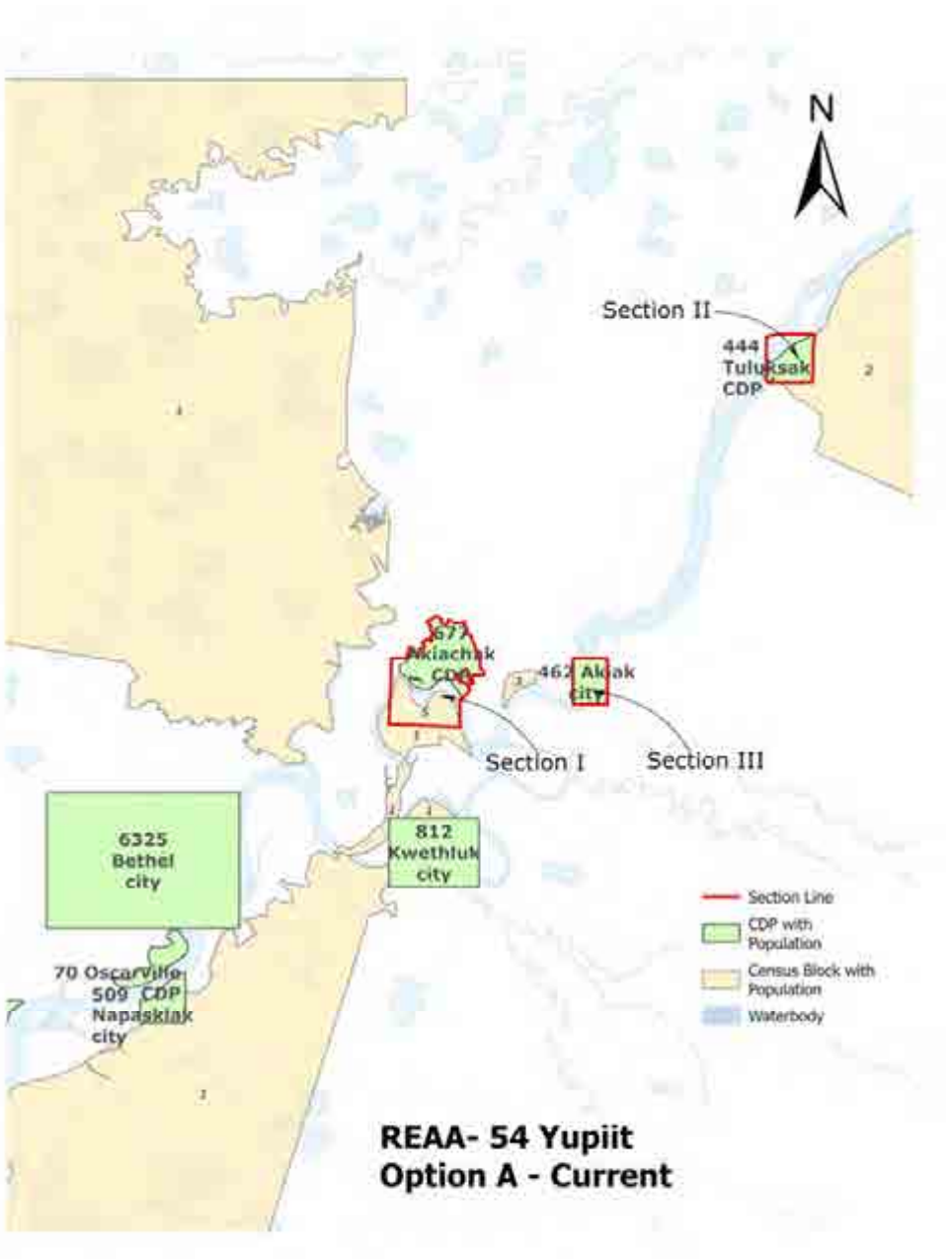
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54. Yupiit (Status Quo)



Total Population:	1588	Seats:	7	Target Pop:	227

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section I		**3**	**A B C**	**227.3**	**0.21%**
Akiachak	677				
Area (S of Akiachak)	5				
Total	**682**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section II		**2**	**D E**	**222.0**	**-2.14%**
Tuluksak	444				
Total	**444**				

	Residents	Seat Count	Seats	Pop per Seat	Pct Deviation
Section III		**2**	**F G**	**231.0**	**1.83%**
Akiak	462				
Total	**462**				

Spread	3.97%

Comments:

No comments were received regarding Yupiit.

Recommendation:

DCRA continues to recommend Option A as above.

Commissioner Decision:

Based on data from the 2020 Federal decennial census, I have determined that the attached map and assignment of school board seats, labeled Option _A_ in the data and maps provided by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, best meets the standards in Alaska statute for the apportionment of the **Yupiit** School Board.

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