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To: President James R. Johnsen

University of Alaska

From: University of Alaska Faculty Alliance

Subject: Faculty Comment on the UA College of Education

The Faculty Alliance (FA) has discussed the report titled "Update on Planning for the Alaska College of Education" that was provided to the Board of Regents (BoR) on September 1, 2017 and wholeheartedly welcomes the updated plan's preservation of three separately accredited education programs at our three universities.

The NWCCU has correctly pointed out that the previous plan of completely merging the three Schools of Education would be extremely complex, time consuming and a distraction from the University's mission and there is no guarantee on accreditation of the final product. Even the discussion of this