

# First Standards Sent to Public

On October 30, the State Board of Education unanimously asked the Alaska public to comment on proposed voluntary student performance standards in math, science and English/language arts.

The decision was a first for Alaska; never before has the public set statewide student performance standards in these or any other subjects.

The State Board a year ago decided to develop performance standards in 10 core subjects. Math, science, and English/language arts

are the first to be developed. Seven additional sets will be developed during the next two years. These also will be presented to the public for comment, review, and revision.

The State Board appointed committees of parents, teachers, school board members, employers and others to develop the standards. A list of committee members is on page 5 of this publication.

A schedule of public hearings and a survey are included on page 8 to aid Alaskans in expressing their views to the Board.