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Dear Colleagues,

When I announced the Strategic Pathways framework last week, I committed the university to a broad engagement with the staff, faculty, students, and governance, and to keep all constituencies as informed as possible. In preparation for the Board of Regents meeting this week, a more detailed version of the Strategic Pathways framework has been posted to www.alaska.edu/pathways. Please note that the Board of Regents is not making any decisions at this meeting. The Board already has expressed its support for the direction Strategic Pathways is heading. Of course, any decisions requiring the Board's approval will be placed before it for consideration and action at future meetings.

As you will see in the new document just posted, it's important that we set Strategic Pathways in appropriate context. Our purpose is to serve the wide variety of higher education needs in our state. Alaska depends on us to meet those needs through our research and creative activities, teaching and