



Cover Memo

To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
Date: October 14, 2026
Item: 20.0

Issue

The Board is being asked to consider land use licenses at Mount Edgecumbe High School (MEHS).

Background

Item 20.1

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless is requesting a Cell-on-Wheels (COW) land use license for space use at Mount Edgecumbe High School (MEHS).

- Verizon Wireless has requested a license to use a 3,565 square foot parcel located at 1330 Seward Ave, Sitka, Alaska 99835 for the location of a communications facility and the non-exclusive right-of-way for ingress and egress, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, on foot or motor vehicle, including trucks for a one-year period.
- The agreement includes an annual fee of \$18,300 to be paid by Verizon Wireless.
- In accordance with Section 6.18 of the Mt. Edgecumbe Policy Manual the Department is requesting Board approval to move forward with the requested license.

Item 20.2

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless is requesting a land use license for space use at Mount Edgecumbe High School (MEHS).

- Verizon Wireless has requested a land use license to install, maintain, replace, add and operate communications equipment located on Parcel 1-9200-00 located in Sitka, Alaska 99835 and the non-exclusive right-of-way for ingress and egress, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, on foot or motor vehicle, including trucks for an initial term of five-years with up to four additional five year terms.
- The agreement includes a monthly fee of \$19,200 to be paid by Verizon Wireless and an annual two percent rate increase.
- In accordance with Section 6.18 of the Mt. Edgecumbe Policy Manual the Department is requesting Board approval to move forward with the requested license.

- Heather Heineken, Director of Finance and Support Services, will be present to brief the Board.

Options

Approve the land use licenses at MEHS.

Amend the proposed land use license terms and approve.

Deny the land use licenses at MEHS.

Administration's Recommendation

Approve both land use license requests for the COW and communication equipment at MEHS.

Suggested Motion

Approve the land use license request – individual motions to approve each request.

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development approve a 3,565 square foot land use license for a Cell-on-Wheels located at 1330 Seward Avenue Sitka AK between the Department of Education on behalf of Mount Edgecumbe High School and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

I move the State Board of Education & Early Development approve a land use license for the installation and operations of communication equipment located on Parcel 1-9200-00 located in Sitka AK between the Department of Education on behalf of Mount Edgecumbe High School and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.