



Cover Memo

To: Members of the State Board of Education & Early Development
From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
Date: October 14, 2026
Item: 8.0

Issue

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

Background

Item 8.1

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 8.2

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

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 20.0.