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Open House in Juneau on Proposed State Standards

JUNEAU-- The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development will host an open house in Juneau to discuss with the community the state's proposed new standards in English language arts and mathematics for grades kindergarten through 12.

The department encourages parents, students, employers and the general public, as well as educators, to attend and share their thoughts.

The open house will be held between **5 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 30** in the first-floor boardroom in the Goldbelt Building at 801 West 10th Street. Refreshments will be served.

The complete standards and summaries will be available at the meeting. The standards also are available at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/standfaqs.html>.

The State Board of Education & Early Development is seeking public comment on the proposed standards through May 12, 2012. The board is expected to consider adopting the standards at its June 7-8 meeting in Anchorage.

For the past two years, the department has worked extensively with over 228 Alaska stakeholders statewide, from 56 communities rural and urban, to significantly increase our standards' rigor and to include all grades from kindergarten through high school.

"The proposed new standards will set a trajectory of high expectations, providing our students the ability to meet their challenges head on and pursue lives and careers inside and out of Alaska," said Alaska Education Commissioner Mike Hanley. "Our goal was to develop Alaska standards that match or exceed the rigor of standards that are being adopted by states nationwide."

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