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Press Release

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State Board to Meet by Distance on January 28

The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet by video/teleconference on January 28 starting at noon. The meeting will originate from the auxiliary boardroom at the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, 801 West 10th Street, in Juneau.

The public is invited to attend or to connect to the meeting by teleconference. Persons may listen to and make public comment at the oral hearing at: 1-800-315-6338, using code 8578#.

Video conference sites include: 1) Anchorage, GCI Tower 2550 Denali Street, 6th floor; 2) Fairbanks Legislative Information office, 1292 Sadler Way #308; 3) Juneau, EED Auxiliary Board Room, 801 West Tenth Street; 4) Kodiak, Kodiak Borough School District Central Office, 722 Mill Bay Road; 5) Kotzebue, Northwest Arctic Borough School District Central Office; 6) Pt. Heiden, Lake & Peninsula Borough School District, Meshik High School; and Mat-Su Borough School District, 501 North Gulkana, Palmer.

- The board may open a period of public comment on proposed regulations concerning norm-referenced testing. Changes include repealing requirements for a standardized norm-referenced test and the reporting of norm-referenced test results, and repealing assessment-related questionnaires.
- The board may open a period of public comment on proposed regulations regarding district-operated statewide residential educational programs, to allow variable-term programs, which rotate students in and out of the program during the school year for the entire school term.
- The board may open a period of public comment on regulations for school facilities, to create an energy efficiency standard for school construction and major maintenance projects.

The logo for the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development is located at the bottom right. It features a circular emblem with a hand holding a pencil, surrounded by the text "ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT". Below the emblem, the text "EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

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- The board may adopt regulations regarding standards for school accreditation. The accrediting agency for schools in the northwest region, now called Northwest Accreditation Commission, has affiliated with the non-profit AdvancED, and therefore uses its published accreditation standards.

For the board packet, see [http://education.alaska.gov/State Board/pdf/13_jan_packet.pdf](http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/13_jan_packet.pdf).

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