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Press Release

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State Board to Meet December 10 & 11 in Anchorage

The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet December 10 & 11 at the Anchorage School District's Education Center, 5530 East Northern Lights Boulevard. The public is invited to attend. For the meeting's packet, see https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/15-December-Packet.pdf

In addition, the board will hold a retreat on December 9 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alaska State Library, Talking Book Center, 344 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 125, Williwaw Conference Room, in Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.

The board will take oral public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on December 10. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Oral public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085. This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> beginning at 8:00 a.m. on December 10 and 8:30 a.m. December 11 (audio only). Click on the meeting name to listen to the proceedings. When public comment is over, the meeting will continue to be broadcast at the above web site.

Comments also can be made by visiting your local Legislative Information Office (LIO). The following LIO's will participate: Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, Seward, Sitka, and Unalaska. For more information about LIO's, call 907-465-4648. In the event there are more than two hours of public comment, the board may move to amend the agenda to extend the oral hearing to accommodate those present before 7:55 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

Topics at the work session include discussion of the Alaska Measures of Progress, history of loan forgiveness, alternate routes to certification, early childhood education core knowledge and comprehension, charter renewal for Rilke Schule Charter School, new charter for Anchorage STrEaM, and extending approval of the University of Alaska

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Fairbanks' teacher preparation programs; regulations proposed to go out for public comment: art standards; regulations proposed for adoption: use of school funds in elections, challenging courses, diagnosis of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, repealing literacy screening, teacher certification, and participation guidelines for assessments.

Topics at the business meeting include regulations proposed to go out for public comment listed above and regulations proposed for adoption listed above, and standing reports on teaching and learning support; assessment and accountability; budget and legislation; libraries, archives and museums; legal matters; and the commissioner.

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