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**September 12, 2016**

**State Board to Meet September 13 & 14 in Juneau**

The State Board of Education and Early Development will meet on September 13, at the state boardroom, first floor, Goldbelt Building, 801 West 10th Street in Juneau. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The board will hold a retreat from 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 13 and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on September 14 at the above location to discuss strategic planning. The retreat is open to the public.

Additionally, the board will meet with the University of Alaska's Board of Regents on September 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Alaska Southeast Student Recreation Center, 12300 Mendenhall Loop Road, Room 116, in Juneau. The meeting is open to the public.

The board packet is at [https://education.alaska.gov/State\\_Board/pdf/16-Sept-Packet.pdf](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/16-Sept-Packet.pdf)

At its regular meeting, the board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 8:15 a.m. September 13. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. 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.

The regular meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> (audio only) beginning at 8:00 a.m. September 13. 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.

Oral comment also can be made by visiting your local Legislative Information Office (LIO). The following LIO's will participate: Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su, Nome, Seward, and Sitka. For more information about LIO's, call 907-465-4648.

Topics at the meeting's work session include an update on the state plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act, an update on the Request for Information from assessment vendors, and a review of the Mt. Edgecumbe High School technology curriculum. Also, review of regulations that may go out for public comment related to: 1) minimum expenditure on instruction, and 2) rental fees at the state museum; and review of a regulation that may be adopted related to substitute teachers, retired teacher certificates, and a repealed federal definition of, and requirements for, highly qualified teachers.

Topics at the business meeting include the regulations mentioned above, standing reports from department divisions, the Commissioner's report, an executive session regarding the department's assessment contract, and approval of the minutes of the June 16-17, 2016, meeting.

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