



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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State Board to Meet September 14 & 15 in Juneau

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development will meet on September 14 and 15 in the first-floor board room at 801 West 10th Street in Juneau. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on September 14 and 9:00 a.m. on September 15. The board's meeting packet is available at https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/17-September-Packet.pdf.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include reviewing the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan, procedures for board processes and self-evaluation, and the UAA early childhood special education endorsement program. The work session includes an update on the UA Board of Regents/State Board joint committee, high school testing, and the Alaska's Education Challenge.

The work session also includes regulations to go out for public comment regarding Praxis II content area exams and participation guidelines for inclusion of students with disabilities and English learners in state assessments, as well as regulations for adoption regarding funding career and technical education programs and minimum standards for Alaska school buses. The work session includes an executive session to review FY2018 legislative intent language and FY2019 budget priorities.

Topics at the business meeting include the regulations noted above, the UAA early childhood special education endorsement program, appointment of the Director of Student Learning, standing reports from department divisions, the Commissioner's report, and approval of the minutes of the June 7-8, July 14, and August 1, 2017 meetings.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 1:45 p.m. on September 14. Oral comment is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Public comment can be made for the meeting, during this time only, by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau or Anchorage. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085. For participation from Anchorage, call 563-9085.

The meeting will be live-streamed through the Legislative Information Office (LIO) over <http://www.akl.tv/> beginning at 1:30 p.m. on September 14 (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 website through 12:00 p.m. on September 15. Starting at

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1:00 p.m. on September 15, the meeting audio will be live-streamed through the [State of Alaska's WebEx webinar service](#).

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

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