

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 11, 2018

## State Board to Meet December 18 by Audio Conference

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development will meet on December 18 by audio conference, originating from the first-floor board room at 801 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Juneau. The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. The board's meeting packet is available online.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include an executive session to discuss the selection of the student advisor to the board, an update from the Commissioner on the board's priorities, the accreditation determinations for the University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Anchorage educator preparation programs, the annual board report to the legislature, and a renewal request for Discovery Peak Charter School. The board will receive a guest presentation on the 2017 National School Library Standards.

Topics at the business meeting include standing reports on the department's divisions, the commissioner's report, approval of the minutes from the September 14-15 and October 24 meetings, and approval of the charter renewal listed above and the draft board report to the legislature.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 12:10 p.m. 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) beginning at 12:00 p.m. (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.

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