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

JUNEAU -- The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development will hold its regular quarterly meeting and annual retreat on September 13-14, 2018, originating from the Mt. Edgecumbe High School library at 1330 Seward Avenue, in Sitka, Alaska. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. for the retreat on September 13, 2018 and at 9:00 a.m. for the regular quarterly meeting on September 14, 2018. The board’s meeting packet is available on the [State Board of Education and Early Development webpage](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/Board-Packet.pdf).

The purpose of the quarterly meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include a presentation by Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Statewide ESL Second Language Acquisition endorsements from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), the Bilingual and Literacy Education (SLABBLE) Program, information about the Alaska State Museum Collections Advisory Board, Educator Preparation Programs Accreditation updates, a proposed regulation package to go out for public comment (school facility planning and construction) and the adoption of proposed regulations related to AdvancED.

Topics at the business meeting include the UAF Endorsement, Alaska State Museums Collections Advisory, the regulations listed above, appointments to the Mt. Edgecumbe Advisory board, the adoption of the bylaws, standing reports on the department’s divisions, the commissioner’s report, and approval of the minutes of the May 31, July 25, and August 22 meetings.

The board will take public comment at the quarterly meeting on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 9:15 a.m. Oral comment is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, in person or by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau or Anchorage. For participation from Anchorage, call 563-9085 and from Juneau, call 586-9085.

The quarterly meeting will be live-streamed through the [Legislative Information Office](http://www.akl.tv/) (LIO) beginning 9:00 a.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.

Oral comment also can 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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