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State Board to Meet March 28 & 29 in Juneau

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development will hold its regular quarterly meeting and a retreat on March 28-29 in Juneau. The retreat will begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 28 at the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building at 395 Whittier Street. The board meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on March 29 in the first-floor board room at 801 West Tenth Street. Immediately following the board meeting will be the annual Alaska Public School Trust Advisory Board meeting. The board's meeting packet is available <u>online</u>.

The purpose of the quarterly meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include a review of the school construction and major maintenance list, a legislative and budget update, an update on the UAA School of Education initial teacher preparation programs, a review of three charter school renewals (Eagle Academy, STrEaM Academy, and Kaleidoscope Charter School), a curriculum presentation by Mt. Edgecumbe High School, a guest presentation by the City of Sitka on the Sitka Seaplane Base, regulations to go out for public comment regarding K-12 science standards, computer science standards, digital literacy standards, and AdvancED standards, and adoption of regulations regarding grade 9 math sublevel scores and basic competency exams.

Topics at the business meeting include the regulations listed above, approval of the school construction and major maintenance list, approval of the three charter school renewals listed above, standing reports on the department's divisions, the commissioner's report, appointments to the Museum Collections Advisory Committee, approval of the Assistant Commissioner and Executive Secretary appointments, approval of the December 18, 2018, February 4, 2019, and February 14, 2019 meeting minutes, and an executive session to conduct the commissioner's annual evaluation.

The board will take public comment at the quarterly meeting on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 8:10 a.m. on March 29. 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 quarterly meeting will be live-streamed through the <u>Legislative Information Office</u> (LIO) beginning at 8:00 a.m. (audio only) on March 29. 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, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Tok, Unalaska, Valdez, and Wrangell. For more information about LIOs, call 907-465-4648.

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