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State Board to Hold Quarterly Meeting on June 10-11

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development will hold a regular quarterly meeting on June 10-11, 2020, via audio conference. To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public participation for the meeting will be through the Legislative Information Office (LIO) live streaming. The board meeting will begin on June 10, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. and will recess at approximately 1:00 p.m. for the remainder of the day. The board will resume its meeting on June 11, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics include department updates relative to COVID-19; standing reports on the department's divisions and the commissioner's report; the school construction and major maintenance lists; the Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Plan; renewal applications for the Twindly Bridge Charter School, Hooper Bay Charter School, and Qargi Academy; regulations to go out for public comment regarding temporary certificates, energy efficiency for facilities, state museum fees, military training credits, and library standards; the adoption of school broadband assistance grant regulations as emergency regulations; the adoption of regulations regarding ESSA accountability and assessments; and the board's review of the department budget. The board also plans to hold an executive session to conduct the commissioner's annual evaluation.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on June 10, 2020, starting at approximately 9:00 a.m. Oral comment is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. For comment regarding regulations the board is considering for adoption, only oral comments may be provided at this time, as the written comment period has closed. Public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, via the LIO streaming 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. For more information about LIOs, call 907-465-4648. To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in-person testimony will not be permitted. In the event there are more than two hours of public comment, the board may move to amend the agenda to extend the oral hearing.

This meeting will be live-streamed through the LIO over <u>http://www.akl.tv</u> (audio only) beginning at 8:45 a.m. Please 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.

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The board may amend its published agenda. Agenda times are estimates only, and the board may consider agenda items out of order without amending its agenda. The board also reserves the right to adjourn at a time later than estimated on the published agenda.

The <u>board's meeting packet</u> is available online by clicking on the meeting date. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate should contact <u>Linda Mattson</u>, 907-465-2802, at least five days before the accommodation is needed. For more information, call 907-465-2802.

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development provides information, resources, and leadership to support over 130,000 students in 503 public schools across Alaska. The mission of the department is to ensure an "**Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day**."

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