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### **State Board to Hold Quarterly Meeting on September 16-17**

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development will hold a regular quarterly meeting on September 16-17, 2020, via audio conference. To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the offices and boardroom of the Department of Education and Early Development in Juneau have been closed to public in-person traffic. Public participation for the meeting will be through the digital platform Zoom. The board meeting will begin on September 16, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. and will recess at approximately 1:00 p.m. for the remainder of the day. The board will resume its meeting on September 17, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend this meeting by joining online through the digital platform Zoom or by joining via phone. Login information is available below:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99391482721>

Meeting ID: 993 9148 2721

Join by Phone: 1-253-215-8782

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include a forum on the Alaska Smart Start 2020 with presentations from superintendents and a discussion panel with superintendents and representatives from the Department of Health and Social Services; Mt. Edgecumbe advisory board appointments; regulations to go out for public comment regarding early learning guidelines; the adoption of regulations regarding temporary certificates, energy efficiency for facilities, state museum fees, military training credits, library standards, and the school broadband assistance grant emergency regulations.

Topics at the business meeting include the Mt. Edgecumbe advisory board appointments, and the opening of a comment period for, or the adoption of, the regulations listed above. The board will take standing reports on the department's divisions and the commissioner's report, and will consider approval of the June 10-11, 2020, July 22, 2020, and August 19, 2020 meeting minutes. The board also plans to hold an executive session to discuss the FY2022 DEED budget.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on September 16, 2020, starting at approximately 8:40 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, by joining the online Zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/99391482721> or by calling 1-253-215-8782 and selecting \*9 on your phone's keypad.** 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.

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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 board's meeting packet is available [online](#) by clicking on the meeting date. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate should email [Linda Mattson](#) or call 907-465-2802 at least five days before the accommodation is needed.

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