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State Board to Hold Quarterly Meeting on December 9

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development will hold a regular quarterly meeting on December 9, 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 at 9:00 a.m. The board's meeting packet is available [online](#). The public is invited to attend this meeting by joining online or by joining via phone. Connection information is available below:

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

Meeting ID: 993 9148 2721

Join by Phone: 1-253-215-8782 (toll free)

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include COVID-19 updates from the Department of Health and Social Services, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums. The board will receive a department legislative update, review their annual draft report to the Legislature, and hear an update on the 2020-2021 school enrollment student count. The board will also hear a guest presentation regarding the Mt. Edgecumbe High School endowment and land from the Office of the Governor and the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

Topics at the business meeting include standing reports on the department's divisions and the commissioner's report. The board will consider approval of its annual draft report to the Legislature and the minutes from the June 10-11, 2020 board meeting, September 16-17, 2020 board meeting, and October 21, 2020 work session.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 9:10 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, 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 (Meeting ID 993 9148 2721).** 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. 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 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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