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State Board to Meet December 15-16 in Anchorage

The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet on December 15 starting at 8 a.m., and December 16 starting at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Anchorage School District board room, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

For a board packet, see http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on Thursday, December 15. The public may offer comments and testimony beginning at 8:10 a.m. at the meeting site or at Legislative Information Offices in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, and Sitka. For more information about LIOs, call 465-4648.

The meeting will include a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include the application process for Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka; the Library, Archives & Museums building project; and a legislative report.

Four regulations will be proposed for public comment periods. They concern proposed new language arts and math standards, teacher certification, WorkKeys scores for the Alaska Performance Scholarship, and school bus standards. The board will consider adoption of regulations related to course requirements for the Alaska Performance Scholarship, and Type M professional certification. The board will hear a report regarding the Alaska School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Topics at the business meeting include opening a period of public comment on proposed regulations named above, and adopting regulations named above. The board will be asked to approve appointments to the State Museum Collections Advisory Committee. The board also will hear reports regarding assessment, accountability and information management; legal issues; rural education; the budget; Mt. Edgecumbe High School; the Commissioner's activities; and the Teaching & Learning Support Division. There will be an executive session pertaining to the selection of a student advisor-elect.

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