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Media Advisory

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Reports on schools' adequate yearly progress and on the state public school performance incentive program will be public on August 8

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development will hold a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, August 8, to publicize two topics: 1) Alaska schools' adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act; and 2) results of the Alaska Public School Performance Incentive Program. Both topics are based on data from the 2007-2008 school year.

The complete information for both topics, including reports on individual schools, will be posted on the department's web site, www.eed.state.ak.us, at 9 a.m. Friday, August 8.

Additionally, reporters who do not attend in person can hear the entire news conference and ask questions by calling 1-800-315-6338, code 2800# at 10 a.m. Friday, August 8.

The news conference will originate from the Governor's Conference Room on the 17th floor of the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700, in Anchorage. Media packets will be available. Any information discussed at the news conference will be on the web site at 9 a.m. Look under Headlines in the upper-left corner of the web site's front page.

If you want background on the two topics prior to the news conference, see http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/accountability.html for AYP and http://www.eed.state.ak.us/spip/ for the incentive program; or call Information Officer Eric Fry at 907-465-2851.

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