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## Press Release

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### State Board to meet December 6-7 in Anchorage

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet December 6-7, 2007, at the Anchorage School District's school board meeting room at 5530 East Northern Lights Blvd.

The board packet is available online at: [www.eed.state.ak.us/State Board/](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/).

The meeting will start at 1 p.m. on December 6 and at 8 a.m. on December 7. The public is invited.

On December 6, the board will hold work sessions concerning district improvement, and statewide correspondence programs, and will hear a report from Deputy Commissioner Hal Spackman. The board also will meet in executive session to consider its applicants for student advisor-elect.

The public may offer testimony beginning at 8:15 a.m., December 7, 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.

A work session is scheduled for 9:40 a.m. on December 7, and will include reports regarding the Work Ready/College Ready initiative, a proposed change to teacher certification and renewal of certificates that requires successful completion of the Alaska Reading course or its assessments, and a review of proposed regulations to go out for public comment.

The State Board will consider adopting the following regulations.

A proposed regulation would require students in grades 6, 8 and 11 to take assessments in three subjects under the Alaska Work Ready/College Ready initiative. The subjects are reading for information, applied mathematics, and finding information (in graphic formats such as charts.)



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A proposed regulation would require teachers to successfully complete the Alaska Reading course or pass its assessments once in their career.

A proposed regulation would require a chicken pox immunization of schoolchildren, and it would allow homeless students to enroll in a public school for up to 30 days before showing proof of immunizations.

The State Board also will consider opening a period of public comment for proposed regulations regarding the Alaska School Performance Incentive Program, adequate yearly progress, developmental profiles, and performance standards reviews.

Other agenda items include standing reports and approval of a charter school application from the Mat-Su School District.

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