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## Press Release

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### **State Board of Education & Early Development to meet May 28-30 in Anchorage**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet May 28, 29 & 30, 2008, for a regular meeting at the Anchorage School District's meeting room at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. in Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on Wednesday, May 28. The public may offer comments and testimony beginning at 1:10 p.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.

On Thursday, May 29, the board will hold a work session beginning at 8:00 a.m. The board will hear reports on the proposed revised Mt. Edgecumbe High School Policy Manual, teacher certification, the Alaska Career Ready program, dropouts, regulations proposed to be sent out for public comment, university education programs, performance-based teacher preparation programs, and a study of Mt. Edgecumbe High School alumni.

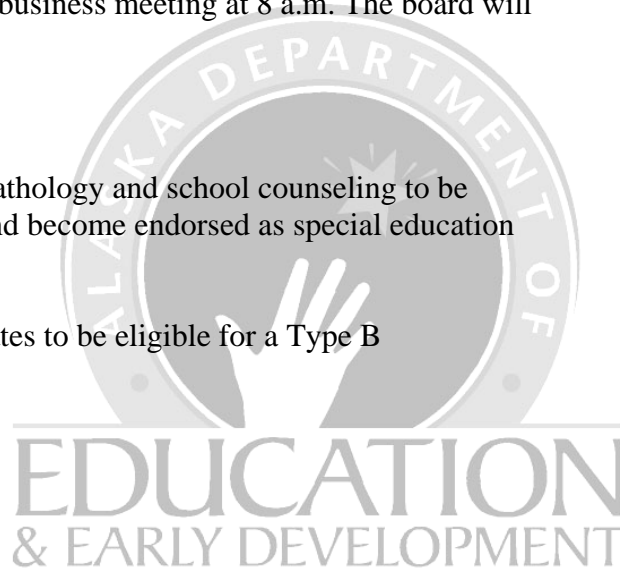
The board will hold a business session, scheduled to start at 2:45 p.m., to vote on sending out for public comment proposed regulations related to science proficiency scores, alternate assessment proficiency levels, and early childhood education.

On Friday, May 30, the board will convene in a business meeting at 8 a.m. The board will consider adopting proposed regulations to:

set standards for beginning teachers;

allow holders of Type C certificates in speech pathology and school counseling to be eligible for Type B administrative certificates and become endorsed as special education administrators;

allow holders of Type C special service certificates to be eligible for a Type B administrative certificate;



require teachers who hold a subject-matter-expert limited teacher certificate to remain enrolled in a teacher preparation program, or have completed the program, throughout their certificate period;

determine when foster parents may represent foster children in special education matters;

eliminate the Alaska alternate performance standards;

apply the state's regulations for statewide correspondence schools to those correspondence schools that are operated only within one district, and increase the amount of state money that families in correspondence programs can spend on art, music and physical education, and clarify that correspondence programs cannot exclude children with disabilities;

and expand the state's academic audits of school districts to include audits of individual schools, and implement improvement programs as needed.

The board will consider approving education programs at the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Southeast, and approving the charter for Anvil City Science School in Nome.

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.

For the board packet, see: [www.eed.state.ak.us/State Board/](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/).

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