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## Press Release

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### **State Board to meet this week in Juneau**

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet March 26, 27 & 28, 2008, for a regular meeting at 801 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Juneau. The public is invited to attend.

A work session is scheduled to begin on March 26 at 1 p.m. The board will review school district requests for waivers from the requirement that they spend at least 70 percent of their operating budgets on instruction, and the board will review new regulation projects to go out for public comment.

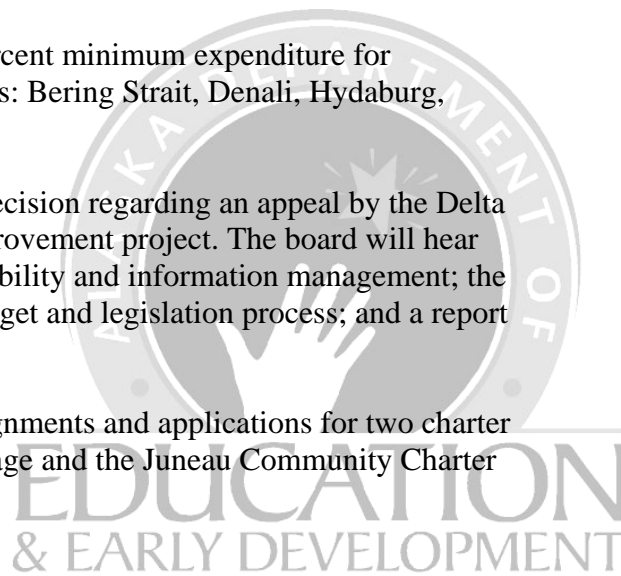
On Thursday, March 27, the board will continue its work session beginning at 8 a.m. The board will hear reports regarding the Jason Project, an update about the Alaska Reading course, and the process of approving teacher preparation programs.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The board will consider putting out for public comment regulations to: 1) repeal the alternate performance standards and clarify the alternate assessment, 2) add a new section addressing beginning teacher standards, 3) amend the special education administrator certificate, 4) clarify the intent of the issuance of the teacher certificate, 5) clarify foster parent role in special education matters, 6) add a new section addressing school-level desk audits, and 7) amend the statewide correspondence study program.

The board will consider waivers from the 70 percent minimum expenditure for instruction requirement from five school districts: Bering Strait, Denali, Hydaburg, Lower Yukon and Yukon Koyukuk.

The board will also consider a hearing officer decision regarding an appeal by the Delta Greely School District concerning a capital improvement project. The board will hear standing reports regarding assessment, accountability and information management; the Attorney General's report; the department's budget and legislation process; and a report from the interim commissioner.

Other agenda items include sub-committee assignments and applications for two charter schools: Winterberry Charter School in Anchorage and the Juneau Community Charter



School. The board also is being asked to appoint one new member to the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Committee and three members to the Museums Collection Advisory Committee.

The annual meeting of the Public School Trust Fund Advisory Board will take place at 4 p.m.

On Friday, March 28, the board will take public comment. The public may offer comments and testimony beginning at 8:05 a.m. at the meeting site or at Legislative Information Offices in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Cordova, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Tok, Valdez and Wrangell. For more information about LIOs, call 465-4648.

The board will consider adopting regulations regarding the developmental profile, accountability performance incentive, and teacher performance review.

At approximately 9 a.m., the board will convene in executive session to interview candidates for the position of Commissioner of Education & Early Development, and proposes to adjourn at or about 4:30 p.m.

LIOs also are scheduled to provide access to the board meeting on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., to cover the work session, and on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to cover the board's vote on putting out regulations for public comment.

For the board packet, see:

[http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State\\_Board/pdf/08March2627\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/pdf/08March2627_Packet.pdf).

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