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State Board teleconference set for July 25

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development will meet July 25, 2008, in a teleconferenced regular meeting originating at noon in the Commissioner's Office Conference Room at 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, in Juneau. The public is invited to attend.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on Friday, July 25, 2008, at 12:05 pm. The public may offer comments and testimony beginning at 12:05 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.

The board will hear about a regulation project proposed to go out for public comment that would repeal use of the performance review for: a) teachers moving from initial certification to professional certification, and b) for meeting requirements of the alternate method of demonstrating that teachers are highly qualified.

The board will consider adopting two proposed regulations to set proficiency levels and scores for the Alaska science standards-based assessment and for the science alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The board will officially welcome the new Education Commissioner, Larry LeDoux.

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/ and click on July 25.

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