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## **Media Advisory**

### ***News Conference – Noon v. State of Alaska Class Action Settlement***

**When: Monday, August 2, 11 a.m.**

**Where: 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Suite 1860, Atwood Building, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Anchorage; and videoconferenced to the Permanent Fund Corporation Board Room, 801 West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Third Floor, Juneau; and Governor's Fairbanks Office, 675 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

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Attorney General Gregg Renkes, Education & Early Development Commissioner Roger Sampson, Attorney Sid Wolinsky of Disability Rights Advocates of Oakland, California, Anchorage Superintendent Carol Comeau and others will hold a news conference to announce the settlement of a class action lawsuit Monday, August 2, 11 a.m., 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Suite 1860, Atwood Building, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage.

The Noon v. State of Alaska class action lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in March 2004 by Disability Rights Advocates, the Disability Law Center of Alaska and Davis Wright Tremaine LLP on behalf of students with disabilities in Alaska questioning whether Alaska's student testing rules violated various federal and state testing laws regarding students with disabilities.

The news conference will originate in Anchorage and will be videoconferenced to the Fairbanks Governor's Office, 675 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. , and the Permanent Fund Corporation Board Room, 801 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Juneau.

Renkes, Sampson, Wolinsky, Comeau and others will outline the settlement agreement at the news conference and make comments.

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