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Press Release

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State Board to Meet by Audioconference December 8 and 9

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development will meet on December 8 and 9 by audioconference originating at the state boardroom on the first floor of 801 West 10th Street in Juneau. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. December 8 and December 9. The board's meeting packet is available online at [http://education.alaska.gov/State Board/](http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/) by clicking on the meeting date.

On December 8, the board will take oral public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 9:15 a.m. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Oral public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085.

On December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the board will hold a retreat by audioconference, open to the public, to discuss strategic planning. The board will not take public comment at the retreat.

This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> (audio only) beginning at 9:00 a.m. December 8 and 9:00 a.m. December 9. Click on the meeting name to listen to the proceedings. When public comment is over, the meeting will continue to be broadcast at the above web site.

On December 8, oral public comment also can be made by visiting your local Legislative Information Office (LIO). The following LIO's will participate: Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su, Nome, Seward, and Sitka. For more information about LIO's, call 907-465-4648.

Topics include the Boreal Sun Charter School application; a museum rental fees regulation to go out for public comment; a regulation for adoption to remove outdated references to minimum expenditure on instruction; a regulation for adoption to remove references in regulation to highly qualified teachers, a term from an expired federal law; and approval of the Commissioner's appointment of Deputy Commissioner Sana Efir.

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The meeting also includes an executive session to interview applicants for student advisor-elect.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate should contact Melissa Bell at 907-465-2802 or e-mail melissa.bell@alaska.gov at least five days before the accommodation is needed. For more information, call 907-465-2800.

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