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State Board of Education quarterly meeting to be held March 16-17

JUNEAU -- The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development will hold a regular quarterly meeting and a professional development workshop on March 16-17, 2021, via audio conference. To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the offices and boardroom of the Department of Education and Early Development in Juneau have been closed to public in-person traffic. Public participation for the meeting will be through the digital platform Zoom. The workshop will begin at 1:00p.m. on March 16 and the quarterly board meeting will begin on March 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend this meeting by joining online through the digital platform Zoom or by joining via phone. Login information is available below:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99391482721>

Meeting ID: 993 9148 2721

Join by Phone: 1-253-215-8782

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting.

Topics at the work session include a discussion of the school construction and major maintenance list, legislative and budget update, consideration of the Chinook Charter School and the Tongass School of the Arts and Sciences charter school renewal requests, an update regarding an assessments and standards review and revision, and the consideration of the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Strategic Plan. The board will also hear an update on a Mt. Edgecumbe High School land proposal.

Topics at the business meeting include approving the school construction and major maintenance list, approving the renewal of the Chinook Charter School and the Tongass School of the Arts and Sciences, approving the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Strategic Plan, and considering the Mt. Edgecumbe High School land proposal. The board will hear standing reports on the department's divisions and the commissioner's report, and will consider approval of the December 9, 2020, January 26, 2021, and February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. The board will also hold an executive session for the purpose of selecting the student advisor to the board.

Immediately following the workshop meeting, the advisory board of the Alaska Public School Trust Fund will hold its annual meeting at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to review the trust's finances and investments. To view the Alaska Public School Trust Fund packet and request a Microsoft Teams calendar invitation to attend, members of the public should contact <http://treasury.dor.alaska.gov/Investments/Public-School-Trust-Fund.aspx>.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items on March 17, 2021, starting at approximately 9:10 a.m. Oral comment is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per

group. **Public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, by joining the online Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99391482721> or by calling 1-253-215-8782 and selecting *9 on your phone's keypad.** To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in-person testimony will not be permitted. In the event there are more than two hours of public comment, the board may move to amend the agenda to extend the oral hearing.

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. The board also reserves the right to adjourn at a time later than estimated on the published agenda.

The board's meeting packet is available online at [https://education.alaska.gov/State Board](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board) by clicking on the meeting date. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate should contact Linda Mattson at 907-465-2802 or e-mail linda.mattson@alaska.gov at least five days before the accommodation is needed. For more information, call 907-465-2802.

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