## Formal Hearing

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs will conduct a formal public hearing on Senate Bill 35, the decentralization of the State Operated School System (SOS), in Galena Community Center on September 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the proposed boundaries for Middle Yukon Regional Education Attendance Area containing the following schools:

Allakaket Koyukuk Bettles Minto Hughes Manley Huslia Nulato Kaltag Ruby

Statements are requested in writing and oral testimony will also be taken. The record will be kept open for 20 days following

the public hearing to allow the submission of further written testimony. Testimony regarding school board size and whether or not the region should be subdivided into sections will also be taken.

Department of Community and Regional Affairs and Department of Education representatives will be available to answer questions about the decentralization process.

Persons who cannot attend the public hearing, but would like to present testimony may submit their comments to:

Mike Harper, Deputy Commissioner

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