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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
 2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good afternoon,
 3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you back to today's
 4 second session on AO 360 stakeholder input session on
 5 Chapter 42, private schools. Thank you for joining us.
 6 The purpose of this meeting is to
 7 directly hear from stakeholders and members of the
 8 public regarding regulatory burdens or barriers you
 9 believe should be addressed as part of Alaska's AO 360
 10 reform project.
 11 Your input is critical in helping us
 12 shape meaningful changes that support students and
 13 schools. And to honor your time today, we will end
 14 promptly on the hour.
 15 These stakeholder meetings are
 16 opportunities for us to listen to your perspectives
 17 before any regulations are drafted, amended, or
 18 repealed. This is not the formal public comment
 19 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, APA.
 20 That process will begin later after draft regulations
 21 have gone to legal review and formally been approved
 22 for public comment.
 23 So as part of our regulatory reform plan,
 24 the department must create a list of all the comments
 25 we receive during the stakeholder process along with

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1 whether we intend to implement each recommendation, and
 2 if we do not adopt a recommendation, we are required to
 3 explain why not. So that's why your feedback today is
 4 so valuable. It will directly shape our department's
 5 analysis and inform you of the next steps.
 6 So proceeding today, first we'll hear a
 7 short overview of these regulations for this meeting,
 8 and then we'll move into the comment period where you
 9 may share your input.
 10 Verbal feedback will be recorded,
 11 summarized, and included in our reform plan. And
 12 written feedback will be accepted for 30 days following
 13 this session. So please refer to the chat, to the
 14 links that are being shared or information about the
 15 regulations and how to submit verbal and written
 16 feedback.
 17 So we will now just -- I will lead a
 18 short overview of Chapter 42, Private Schools.
 19 Chapter 42 originally at one point was 11
 20 regulations in total, ten of them have been repealed.
 21 So to date there is one regulation that makes up
 22 Chapter 42 regarding private schools.
 23 So 4 AAC 42.200 requires private schools
 24 that offer pre-elementary through secondary education
 25 schools to adopt a written policy governing corporal

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1 punishment, that's defined in 4 AAC 07.900.
 2 And the key requirements for corporal
 3 punishment policies are if a school's policy does not
 4 prohibit corporal punishment, then it must include
 5 specific details such as authorized personnel,
 6 circumstances, type and amount, witness/privacy rules,
 7 parental consent.
 8 And the regulation also talks about
 9 distribution and filing, noting that district schools
 10 must distribute their current policy on corporal
 11 punishment to parents, and they must have their policy
 12 on file with the department, and they can only use the
 13 policy that's on file with us as the department.
 14 And finally the regulation just notes
 15 exceptions and non-exempt status, an exception for
 16 policy requirements to schools where only children of a
 17 single family are enrolled, and then a non-exempt
 18 status relating to physical health of students in
 19 schools that are otherwise exempt from regulations that
 20 are still required to comply with the corporal
 21 punishment.
 22 So that's just an overview of the
 23 regulations that are up for consideration. And if
 24 you'd like to make comment on them, please refer to the
 25 links in the chat for verbal and written comment.

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1 Seeing no one online right now, we will
 2 just go ahead and wait and allow anyone to join.
 3 (Pause)
 4 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we will now conclude
 5 this public stakeholder meeting for Chapter 42 of
 6 Department of Education and Early Development related
 7 regulations on Thursday, October 16th at 4:20 p.m.
 8 If you are watching this recording and
 9 would still like to submit feedback regarding these
 10 regulations, you can go to our website at
 11 education.alaska.gov/ao360, and you can also refer to
 12 the link in the chat, and your comments will be
 13 recorded that way. Thank you, and we will now conclude
 14 this meeting.
 15 (Meeting concluded)
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