

To: All SNRE Faculty and Staff

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RE: Update on Extension Restructure Efforts

After further discussion and in light of the likelihood of a larger cut to the University of Alaska budget, I will be requesting from the Chancellor approval to close the Anchorage and Sitka District offices by October 31, 2016. Closing the Anchorage office will result in a larger budget savings, potentially postponing some of the other closures announced on April 1. Please keep in mind that the final budget numbers likely won't be known until the middle to end of June.

The district office reviews will continue with the goal of increasing our effectiveness in reaching Alaskans. The Extension Restructure committee members (Roxie Dinstel, Juella Sparks, and Michelle Pope) will be contacting the individual offices to notify them of the local staff/faculty member that will be on the transition committee and plan details of the review and timeline for changes and closures.

Here is the planned review schedule:

- Palmer, Anchorage, Sitka: June 1, 2016 through July 29, 2016
- Fairbanks, Delta Junction: August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016
- Juneau, Thorne Bay, Soldotna: October 3, 2016 through November 30, 2016
- Bethel, Nome: February 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017

In addition, I have asked the following individuals to form an SNRE Administrative Review Committee to assess and recommend changes to the administrative functions of SNRE including the State Extension Office, SNRE Business Office, SNRE Communications, and SNRE Central Administration: Milan Shipka, Deb Jones, Meriam Karlsson and Linda Tannehill.

These individuals will submit a report to me no later than December 31, 2016 in which they will recommend changes to the administrative functions and processes that would increase efficiency and customer service, while maintaining compliance required by university regulations.



If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding this restructure effort, feel free to contact me or any of the Extension Restructure or SNRE Administrative Review committee members.

