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Alaska Public Media & KTOO Launches New At-Home Learning TV Schedule September 7 on 360 North

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - August 28, 2020 - As Alaska's schools navigate balancing in-person and distance learning, Alaska Public Media (AKPM), in partnership with KTOO, will continue to support educators and families by launching a new At-Home Learning broadcast curriculum on 360 North and providing corresponding free digital resources.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Alaska Public Media to make the new At-Home Learning service available on KTOO's 360 North." stated Bill Legere, President and General Manager of KTOO. "The channel reaches Alaskans all over the state, in both rural and urban communities, so educators and parents everywhere can benefit from this public television educational resource. Alaska Public Media's leadership in providing life-long learning opportunities is more important than ever."

Starting September 7, the 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekday schedule will include specific blocks of time for Grades 6-12 and cover subjects including language arts, social studies, science and public affairs. Educators will be provided free digital content to correspond with the television programming schedule in order to better support navigating this new learning landscape. Viewers in the Anchorage area can tune into 360 North over-the air on channel 7.3, channel 15 on GCI or online at ktoo.org/tv.

"The best lessons don't require a classroom!" stated Stephanie McFadden, Director of Education and Engagement at Alaska Public Media. "PBS Learning Media provides lessons and educational resources aligned to state standards for parents, educators and families to access 24/7 at home or in the park. We are honored to provide these free resources because they align with our core mission of education."

Aligned to the same standards and topic areas as the broadcast service, Alaska Public Media will also provide the following free resources:

- **At-Home Learning on Alaskapublic.org:** Alaska Public Media's At-Home Learning page will include 360 North's weekly At-Home Learning broadcast schedule and links to additional educational resources for educators and families at alaskapublic.org/athomelearning/.
- **PBS LearningMedia:** Students, parents and educators can explore corresponding At-Home Learning standards-aligned PBS video content, associated lesson plans and support materials on PBS LearningMedia at <u>alaskapublic.pbslearningmedia.org/</u>.
- **PBS KIDS 24/7:** Educational programming will continue for younger audiences on the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, which is available to stream via the PBS KIDS Video App, online at pbskids.org/video/livetv, over the air on channel 7.4 or channel 97 on GCI. These programs will also include corresponding components on PBS LearningMedia.

About Alaska Public Media

Alaska Public Media (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, PBS KIDS 24/7 and alaskapublic.org. Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

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