



# Education Committee

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# Priorities

**Long Term Goal** - Advocate for programs, policies or practices that improve education for students with disabilities.

**Short Term Goal #1** - Alternatives for students with disabilities to graduate from high school.

**Short Term Goal #2** - Promote legislation regarding restraint and seclusion in schools.

**Short Term Goal #3** - Advocate for improved secondary transition services in rural areas.

**Special Education Advisory Panel Duties**



# Activities Since October

- Restraint and Seclusion Midwest Academy
- Collected restraint and seclusion comments, revisions and sample policies
- Contacted Special Education Directors about district crisis intervention training
- Presented “snapshot” session at Alaska Association of School Board meeting
- Gave comments on bill to Board of Education
- Reviewed customized employment and discovery with the new DVR transition coordinator
- Special education training to LEND Fellows



# Future Activities

- Support Restraint and Seclusion bill
  - Collect letters of support
  - Collect stories and testimony
- Participate in EED's Program Performance Report stakeholder meeting and provide comments
- Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference 2014
  - 2014 Inclusive Practice Award
- Statewide special education training to the LEND Family Advocacy Board
- Input to FASD Ad Hoc Committee



**Thank you!**