

Education Committee Work Plan for 2013-2014

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Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Long term goal - Advocate for a minimum of 20 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that **improve the quality** of education for students with disabilities.

Quality Improvement Short Term Goal:

1. Continue to advocate for alternative routes for students with disabilities to pass the high school graduation qualifying examination or receive a diploma.

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1. Monitor State Board or Education for position on HSGQE	Janel Keplinger, Christie	September, ongoing	ongoing
2. HSGQE Subcommittee	HSGQE Sub Committee, Ed Committee, Christie	Jan	Done
3. Continue research on IEP team drafted graduation goals		March	ongoing
4. Midwest Academy			
5. Meet with Commissioner to discuss.	Chair, Ed Committee, Staff	Feb	
6. Get on State Board Meeting agenda to discuss options, particularly if only regulation change	Janel Keplinger, Staff	March	
7. Develop advocacy plan	All	April	

Quality Improvement Short Term Goal:

2. Continue to promote the creation of state and/or federal regulations regarding restraint and seclusion in schools.

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1. Comments on draft legislation from stakeholders and partners	Ed Committee, Staff	Sept	Done
2. Midwest Academy	Council members, partners, staff	Sept	Done
3. Gather stories and testimony	Council members	Oct	ongoing
4. Meet with Rep. Millet, her staff and stakeholders to develop advocacy plan and materials	ED Committee, Leg Committee, Staff, Akis, Key, CHD	Oct-Dec 13 filing date	Jan
5. Meet with Legislators, provide testimony	All, Key Campaign	Jan-	ongoing

Quality Improvement Short Term Goal:

3. Advocate for improved secondary transition services in rural areas.

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1. Research changing minimum age of transition goals from 16 to 14 or end of 9 th grade	Ed Committee, Christie	ongoing	ongoing
2. Survey transition coordinators in rural districts, DVR and TVR to find out what is working and where needs are	Ed Committee, Sean O'Brien, Jim Kreatschman, TVR, Sam Jordan, Staff	March	
3. Participate in the creation of a "no wrong door" resource guide for service providers, parents, schools and students on transition and employment resources	Ed Committee, Work & Transportation committee, Council Staff	April	
4. Outreach to peer mentor groups, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, The Alaska Youth First Program	Fred Villa, Ed committee, Council staff	ongoing	ongoing
5. Advocate for development of high school pilot DVR "Discovery" credit course	Sean O'Brian, Jim Kreatschman, Work Committee, Ed Committee, Council Staff	April	

SEAP Duties:

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed?
Provide suggestions for the development of a parent handbook to EED	Ed Committee, Stone Soup Group	April	
Review EEDs APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide recommendations to EED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate Ed Committee about roles and responsibilities at fall face-to-face Review APR indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give written comments and suggestions for state improvement activities to EED 	Ed Committee, Christie Ed Committee, Staff Ed Committee, Chairs, Christie	Ongoing January February	
Attend State Board of Education meetings and share information with Ed Committee	Christie, Janel Keplinger	September, December, March	Done Done
Provide public comment on education regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize opportunities for stakeholders to give public comment 	Ed Committee, Taylor, Margaret, Christie	ongoing	ongoing
Post Schools Outcome report to the Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and offer suggestions/comments 	Ed Committee, Christie, David Tarcy	April	
Disseminate and educate appropriate parties on regulations and possible changes that require advocacy	Ed committee, Council, Staff	ongoing	ongoing