



Education Committee Update



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Education Committee Activities

- **Representing the Governor's Council:**
 - Leadership Council for DEED
 - Alaska's Education Challenge Committees
 - Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan Feedback
 - Special Education Services Agency Board
 - Deaf Education Board
 - State Board of Education



Education Committee Activities

- Creating Resources for Transitions
 - Rural Transitions work group
 - Transition Handbook Distribution
 - Project Search
- Promoting Best Practices
 - Inclusive Practice Award nominations
 - Supported Decision Making for youth
- Supporting Parents and Special Educators
 - Alaska Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association
 - Stone Soup Group and LINKS reports and collaboration
 - Review of ACT (college testing) outreach and information to parents and educators
 - Training Committee members for full participation in stakeholder group input



Education Committee Activities



- Educating and Advocating
 - Barriers to accessing the Alaska Performance Scholarship
 - Changes needed to policies for ACT testing and accommodations processes
 - Effects of Federal funding cuts on teacher training budgets
 - Problems with Unaccompanied Youth getting services in schools
 - Impact on students with disabilities of proposed ESSA Final State Plan
 - Needs of students transferring between residential placements and home school districts

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

- Stakeholder Group for determining the state's Significant Disproportionality Methodology
- Ongoing work to advise DEED on “unmet needs”
 - Improving graduation rates through differentiated diplomas
 - Improving access to the Alaska Performance Scholarship
- Ongoing training on regulatory role and authority as the SEAP



Education Committee: Coming Up!



- Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference
 - Supported Decision Making for IEP teams
 - Trauma-Informed Practices
- Inclusive Practice Awards
- Legislative Session!
- Reporting to Department of Education and Early Development on Deaf Education (DEED) needs and resources

Education Committee: Coming Up!



- Stone Soup Group Parent Conference
- Collaboration with Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation offices and others on rural transitions project
- Advisory panel training on best practices and how to collaborate with DEED
- Comment to U.S. Department of Education on rural education needs