Education Committee Update

With your host, Council Member and Chair, David Kohler...
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Education Committee Activities

• Representing the Governor’s Council:
  o Leadership Council for DEED
  o Alaska’s Education Challenge Committees
  o Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan Feedback
  o Special Education Services Agency Board
  o Deaf Education Board
  o State Board of Education
Education Committee Activities

• Creating Resources for Transitions
  o Rural Transitions work group
  o Transition Handbook Distribution
  o Project Search

• Promoting Best Practices
  o Inclusive Practice Award nominations
  o Supported Decision Making for youth

• Supporting Parents and Special Educators
  o Alaska Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association
  o Stone Soup Group and LINKS reports and collaboration
  o Review of ACT (college testing) outreach and information to parents and educators
  o Training Committee members for full participation in stakeholder group input
Education Committee Activities

• Educating and Advocating
  o Barriers to accessing the Alaska Performance Scholarship
  o Changes needed to policies for ACT testing and accommodations processes
  o Effects of Federal funding cuts on teacher training budgets
  o Problems with Unaccompanied Youth getting services in schools
  o Impact on students with disabilities of proposed ESSA Final State Plan
  o 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”
  o Improving graduation rates through differentiated diplomas
  o 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