



Education Committee Update

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Representing the Governor's Council:

- Leadership Council for Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan
- Special Education Services Agency Board
- Alaska State School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DEB)
- State Board of Education and Early Development (BOEED)



Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)



- Stakeholder Group engagement with DEED in determining Alaska's Significant Disproportionality Methodology
 - Affected the discussion on having different thresholds for discipline categories
- DEED's Annual Progress Report and State Systemic Improvement Plan



Special Education Advisory Panel

(SEAP)



- Ongoing work to advise DEED on “unmet needs”
 - Improving graduation rates through alternative/differentiated diplomas
 - Increasing understanding of Project Search and transition resources
 - Emphasizing need for rural opportunities for employment experiences
 - Representing students with disabilities in creation of ESSA Final State Plan
- Ongoing training on regulatory role and authority as the SEAP
 - For the Education Committee, DEED and BOEED

Creating Resources for Transitions



- Rural Transitions Work Group
- Transition Handbook distribution
- Project Search
- ACT testing and accommodations processes



Promoting Best Practices



**Inclusive Practice Award 2018
Winners
Ben Griese and Nicole Wagner
Chief Ivan Blunka School in New
Stuyahok; Southwest Region
School District**

Supporting Parents and Special Educators



- Alaska Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association
- Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference
 - Supported Decision-Making for IEP teams
 - Trauma-Informed Practices
 - Transition Handbook and Other Resources

Supporting Parents and Special Educators



- Stone Soup Group Parent Conference
- Ongoing review of ACT (college testing)
 - Outreach and information to parents and educators and national website changes
- Training Council and Ed Committee members on best practices to collaborate with DEED

Advocacy

- Supported Alaska House Bill 64 on Dyslexia Task Force
- Supported Alaska House Bill 336 on Supported Decision-Making Agreements
- Commented Federal Extension of Deadline for Significant Disproportionality Methodology
- Commented on State Plan for ESSA



Education Committee: Coming Up!



- Collaboration with Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation offices and other new partners on Rural Transitions project
- Presenting at Sealaska Education Conference
- Commenting on DEED proposed regulations for ESSA
- Training IEP teams on Supported Decision-Making Agreements



Questions?

