

Education Committee Update

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Representing the Governor's Council:

- Leadership Council for Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)
- State Board of Education and Early Development (BOEED)
- Special Education Services Agency Board
- Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DEB)

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

- ▶ DEED's Annual Progress Report and State Systemic Improvement Plan
- ▶ Monthly updates on items for stakeholder input
- ▶ Review of annual reports on exiting and graduation outcomes
- ▶ Review of Alaska's IDEA implementation determination status
- ▶ 2017-2018 Annual Report of the SEAP



Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

- ▶ Ongoing work to advise DEED on “unmet needs”
 - ▶ Reporting on Project Search and other transition resources
 - ▶ Need for rural opportunities for employment experiences
 - ▶ Heard report from Council staff on strategic plan for FASD Work Group
- ▶ Ongoing training on regulatory role and authority as the SEAP
 - ▶ For the Education Committee, DEED, and BOEED



Collaborating to Expand Resources for Transitions

➤ Rural Transitions Work Group

- Survey of Southwest Region Educators and Professionals
 - Attended Sealaska Culturally Responsive Education Conference
 - Attended EPICS Native American Special Education Conference
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Promoting Best Practices

- ▶ Accepting nominations for Inclusive Practice Award 2019
- ▶ NEW! Paraeducator of the Year Award 2019
- ▶ Paraeducator Professional Development Project
 - ▶ Scholarships to conferences
 - ▶ Peer-to-Peer sharing via webinar



Supporting Parents and Special Educators

- Alaska Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association
- Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference
- Collaborating on Restraint & Seclusion Follow-up
 - Partners and stakeholders
- Ongoing review of ACT (college testing)
 - Work on forms for fee waivers; Access and Equality Committee input

Advocacy

- Commented Federal Extension of Deadline for Significant Disproportionality Methodology
- Commented on Amendments to State Plan for ESSA
- Commented on DEED proposed state regulations for ESSA



Education Committee: Coming Up!

- ▶ Training IEP teams on Supported Decision-Making Agreements
- ▶ Statewide Town Hall on District Restraint & Seclusion Practices and Policies
- ▶ Following DEED's new Accountability System under ESSA
- ▶ Four Meetings Focused on SEAP Duties



Questions?

