

# **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES

David Kohler

Shawn Bernard

Patrick Pillai

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich

Mandy Cleveland

Molly McManamin

Don Enoch

Gregory Sampson

Karen Jenkins

Michael Pretz

Chris Blake

Sandra DeHart-Mayor

Kathryn Rose

Ernie Manzie

Fred Villa

Chad Hansen

Kelly Manning

Courtney Westmann

Heidi Lieb-Williams

Clayton Holland

Elizabeth Joseph

Joshua Gill

Sally Stockhausen

# ONGOING PROJECTS/UPDATES (1)

- Educating Special Education Administrators and Teachers
- Inclusive Practice Award/Paraeducator of the Year Award
- Early Childhood Work Group: Suspension, Expulsion, Restraint & Seclusion, and Schoolwide Behavior Support

# **ONGOING PROJECTS/UPDATES (2)**

- Parent education:

**Your Child's Rights to Special Education Services During COVID-19 (Fact Sheet)**

**Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services FAQs resource**

**Participation at the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities Hot Topics Call (August)**

# OTHER ACTIVITIES (1)

- Added new Education Committee community member
  - Sandra DeHart-Mayor (parent);
  - Chris Blake (SSG)
  - Still need two parents/people with disability, and charter school representative
- Change of committee staff (Elena Markova)
- SESA Reauthorization status



# OTHER ACTIVITIES (2)

DD Awareness  
Month in Schools

# LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

SB 6: Public preschools

SB 136: State-Tribal Compacts

HB 124: Limited Teaching Certificates

HB 181: Mental Health Education in Schools

**HB 29: Insurance Coverage for Telehealth (passed!)**

HB 194: Consolidation of Districts

HB 196: APS Maximum Award

BILL	TITLE/EFFECT	REFERRALS	ACTIONS as of	GCDSE ED COMM POSITION	Dept./Board/Governor
SB 6 (Begich, Kawasaki, Stevens, Olsen, Kiehl)	Public Preschool, curriculum standards, educator qualifications		Prefiled	2019 Letter of support: more opportunities for inclusion with gen ed students.	2019 Dept. seems to like it; DK other two 4 Fiscal Notes DEED
SB 136	State-Tribal Education Compacts		Prefiled	Watching for federal civil rights compliance to be included	Came out of Alaska's Education Challenge committees in 2018
HB 24 (Kriess-Tomkins, Fields, Johnston, Story)	Limited teaching certificates; language, vocational, etc.		Prefiled	2019 letter of support: good for rural transitions project but risk of non-educators teaching enrichment to special ed students (offer amendment re: special ed?)	2019 Dept. seems to like it; Board, too; DK on Gov.
HB 181 (Claman)	Mental Health Education in Schools		Prefiled	Adds mental health curriculum requirement to Health Ed.	
HB 29 (Spohnholz Drummond, Lincoln, Tarr, Josephson, Story)	Insurance Coverage for Telehealth		Prefiled	Support with concerns for replacing face-to-face in rural schools	
HB 194 (Vance)	Consolidation of School Districts		Prefiled	Consolidates 54 districts to 18 -- new	
HB 196 (Fields)	APS Maximum Award		Prefiled	Pegs the maximum award category to the average cost of tuition at UA (up from \$4755)	

# 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 (SESA) Board
- Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DEB) - TBA



# QUESTIONS?