





















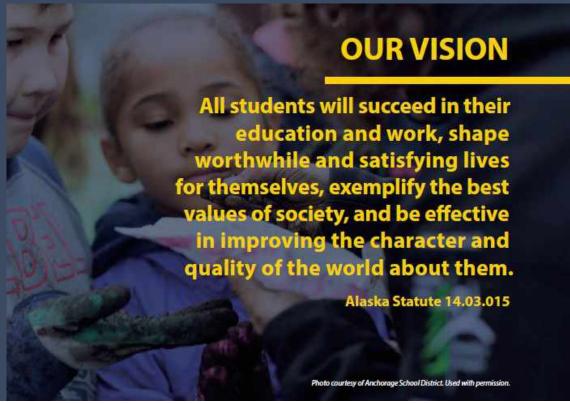
How long have you served on a local school board?





#### **OUR MISSION**

An excellent education for every student every day.





Purpose **DEED** exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

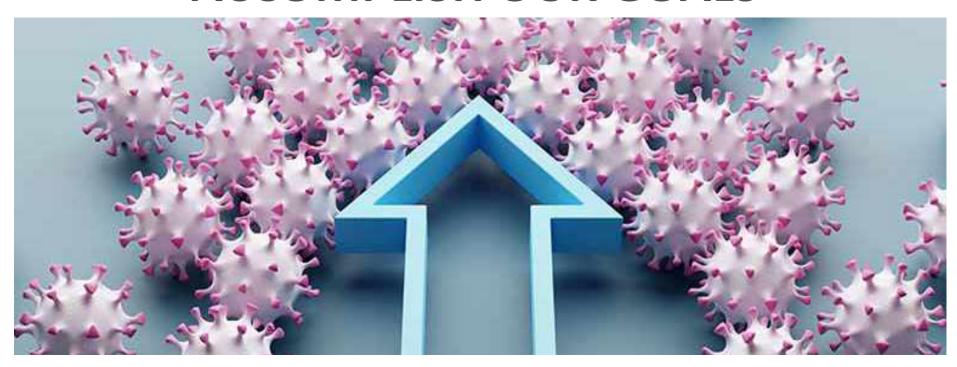






### COVID-19 IS NOT OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

### WE HAVE TO OUTMANEUVER IT TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS



#### Alaska's Education Challenge







#### 5 Targeted Priorities

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- Increase career, technical and culturally relevant education to meet student and workplace needs.
- 3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
- 4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals
- 5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities and tribes





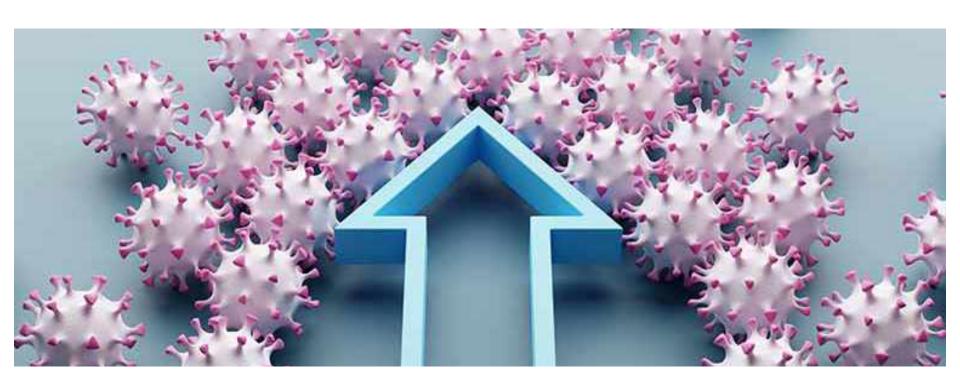


How familiar are you with Alaska's Education Challenge and the 5 Targeted Priorities?





### HOW WILL WE OUTMANEUVER COVID TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS







# Lessons Learned in the Spring

Planning is essential

 We must be fluid and fluent in both inperson and virtual instructional delivery models



"Planning is everything plans are useless."

Dwight D. Eisenhower





"Everyone has a plan until he is punched in the mouth."

Mike Tyson





"No plan survives first contact with the enemy"

Mark Watney - The Martian





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**Capacities - Conditions - Continuity** 



How would you rate your understanding of your districts plan to outmaneuver COVID (Smart Start Plan) to accomplish your districts strategic plan?





## Supporting Through Professional Development

#### aklearns.org

- √ Virtual Instruction Training Summer
- ✓ Smart Start Webinar Series Recorded
- ☐ Beyond the Bell
- ☐ New Teacher Talk on Thursdays

#### Alaska Statewide Virtual System

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- ☐ A project that aims to support students across Alaska through high-quality, distance delivered coursework
- ☐ To date, more than 190 Alaska educators have participated in training to prepare for possible remote and blended teaching and learning environments during the 2020-21 school year.



Twice a week virtual consultation with DEED



Concerns over declining enrollment

## \$Fiscal Impact

- Hold Harmless (HH) provision AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(E)(i-iii)
- Assist districts experiencing reduction in enrollment
- Transition funding that allows a district to budget and absorb a reduction in state aid over three years versus taking the reduction all at once
- Minimize the impact on delivery of educational services.



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## Moving Toward Targeted Priorities

Regulations
Teacher Certification
4.AAC 12.401.

Provision for temporary emergency certificate

## Moving Toward Targeted Priorities

Regulations
School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG)
AS 14.03.127

Increase minimum internet speed from 10 megabits to 25 megabits.

# Moving Toward Targeted Priorities

Regulations
Public Comment

**Update of Early Learning Guidelines** 





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