

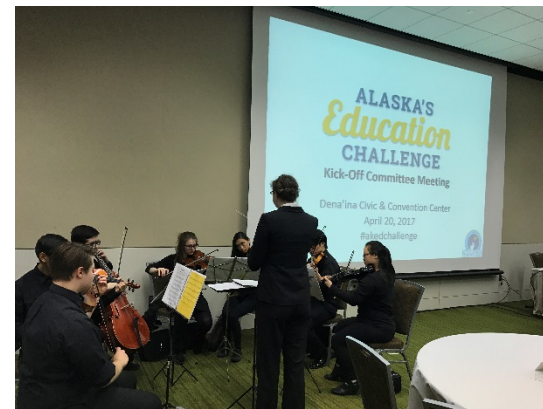
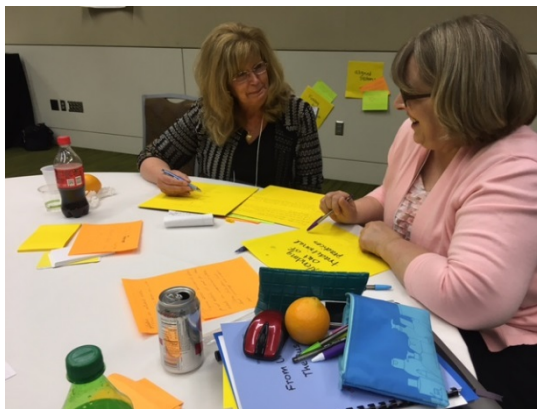
The Next Step in Alaska's Education Challenge

**Association of Alaska School Boards'
Annual Conference**

November 10, 2017



• An Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day •



What is... ALASKA'S *Education* CHALLENGE



The State Board
of Education's
**Mission
& Vision**
for Public Education
in Alaska

MISSION

An excellent
education for every
student every day.



VISION

All students can
succeed in their education
and work; shape worthwhile
and satisfying lives for
themselves; exemplify the
best values of society; and,
be effective in improving the
character and quality of the
world around them.



The State Board of Education's Strategic Priorities

- Amplify student learning
- Inspire community ownership of educational excellence
- Modernize the educational system
- Ensure excellent educators
- Promote safety and well-being

Committee Structure

Student
Learning

Educator
Excellence

Modernization
& Finance

Tribal &
Community
Ownership

Safety &
Well-Being

Committee Charge



Develop up to three recommendations that will transform our education system based on the following constraints:

- Be systemic and apply to all students, schools, employees, communities, etc.;
- Not require resources beyond our direct control; and
- Produce measurable results that can be benchmarked against higher performing states and countries.

Transformational change – includes practices, processes, and products that anticipate, reflect, or define the needs of a significantly different system or environment.

Timeline



2016

September

- State Board of Education revises DEED mission and vision statements and establishes five strategic priorities to drive improvements in Alaska's public education system

2017

January

- Governor Walker announces major education initiative and establishes timeline
- Commissioner Johnson announces Alaska's Education Challenge and sets forth a process to improve student learning and make Alaska's public education system competitive with higher performing systems

February - March

- Alaska's Education Challenge public survey is conducted
- Committee memberships and State Board committee co-chairs announced

April

- Kick-off committee meeting in Anchorage

May - September

- Committee meetings via teleconference

October

- Wrap-up committee meeting in Anchorage
- State Board meeting to consider recommendations and determine next steps

November

- State Board meeting to finalize recommendations and next steps

December

- State Board advances recommendations to Governor Walker and the Alaska State Legislature

Strategic Priorities and Committee Facilitators



- **Amplify student learning**
 - Nancy Norman, Education Consultant
- **Ensure excellent educators**
 - Lisa Parady, ACSA
- **Modernize the educational system**
 - Bob Whicker, AASB
- **Inspire tribal and community ownership of educational excellence**
 - Timi Tullis and Norm Wooten, AASB
- **Promote safety and well-being**
 - Sana Efird, DEED

Key Stakeholder Partnerships

Alaska's Education Challenge has received exceptional support from the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Alaska Council of School Administrators.

Additionally, the five committee facilitators have provided excellent service in the planning of meetings, facilitation of committees, development of recommendations, and communication with stakeholder groups.

Their support translates to strength in unity as we move forward with this process.

Student Learning Committee

Committee Member	Position	District/Organization	Committee Seat
Sue Hull	First Vice Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Barbara Thompson	Member	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Daisy Katcheak		Bering Strait School District	Parent
Chad Parsons		Nenana City School District	Parent
Mandy Mallott		Juneau School District	Parent
Mary Suminski		Sitka School District	Parent
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver		Northwest Arctic Borough School District	Parent
Ivy Spohnholz	State Representative	District 16/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Harriet Drummond	State Representative	District 18/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
John Coghill	State Senator	District B/Senate Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Penny Vadla	School Board Member	Kenai School Board	Association of Alaska School Boards
Deena Bishop	Superintendent	Anchorage School District	Alaska Superintendents Association
Amy Jo Meiners	Teacher	Juneau School District	NEA-Alaska
Andy Teuber	President/CEO	Kodiak Area Native Association	Tribal Representative
Wilfried Zibell	State Board of Education Student Advisor	Alaska Association of Student Governments	Alaska Association of Student Governments
Marcia Olson	Education Specialist/CTE Coordinator	Department of Labor & Workforce Development	Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Jon Clouse	Federal Programs Manager	Southwest Region School District	Career & Technical Education
April Blevins	Early Childhood Coordinator/Migrant Education Specialist	Lower Kuskokwim School District	Early Learning
Lori Roth	Student Services Director	North Slope Borough School District	Special Education
Nicole Schuh	Executive Director, Alaska Business Week	Alaska Chamber	Alaska Chamber
Kim Bautista	Principal	Anchorage School District	Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals

Strategic Priority:

Amplify student learning

- **Goal 1:** Identify and articulate the knowledge, skills, and behavioral attributes necessary for all preschool through post-secondary students to succeed in a rapidly changing world, while valuing cultural and traditional knowledge, civic responsibility, and student interests, passions, and goals.
- **Goal 2:** Ensure equity of access to high quality learning experiences for all students, preschool through post-secondary, and use a variety of culturally appropriate methods and multiple measures to identify successes, mitigate underperformance, and accelerate student achievement.
- **Goal 3:** Make learning student-centered, ensuring that instruction and curricula are relevant, experiential, culturally responsive, and interest-based for all preschool through post-secondary students.

Educator Excellence Committee

Committee Member	Position	District/Organization	Committee Seat
Rebecca Himschoot	Member	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
John Harmon	Second Vice Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Erica Nelson		Northwest Arctic Borough School District	Parent
Wendy Kolberg		Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	Parent
Jessica Weiler		Yukon Koyukuk School District	Parent
Gary Stevens	State Senator	District P/Senate Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Justin Parish	State Representative	District 34/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Tam Agosti-Gisler	School Board Member	Anchorage School Board	Association of Alaska School Boards
Sean Dusek	Superintendent	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	Alaska Superintendents Association
Tammy Smith	Teacher	NEA-Alaska	NEA-Alaska
Yatibaey Evans	Director, Alaska Native Education Program	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	Tribal Representative
Joe Nelson	Chair	Sealaska Board of Directors	Tribal Representative
Brian Conwell	Student	Alaska Association of Student Governments	Alaska Association of Student Governments
Richard Caulfield	Chancellor	University of Alaska Southeast	University of Alaska
Steve Atwater	Interim Dean	University of Alaska Fairbanks	University of Alaska
Posie Boggs		Literate Nation Alaska Coalition	Literate National Alaska Coalition
Sheryl Weinberg	Executive Director	Alaska's Educational Resource Center (SERRC)	Alaska's Educational Resource Center (SERRC)
Kathy Blanc	Program Administrator	Alaska Staff Development Network	Alaska Staff Development Network
Dan Carstens	Principal	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals
John Sedor	Attorney	Sedor Wendlandt Evans & Filippi, LLC	Education Attorney
Betty Walters		Alaska Statewide Mentor Project	Alaska Statewide Mentor Project

Strategic Priority:

Ensure excellent educators

- **Goal 1:** Create rigorous cohort-based professional learning academies based on best practices for preservice, new-to-Alaska, new-to-teaching, and career-changing educator candidates to develop Alaska-specific skills.
- **Goal 2:** Grow education leadership through an educator leadership grant program.
- **Goal 3:** Triple the number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) in Alaska, and specifically increase the number of NBCTs in hard-to-staff schools and districts, both through the provision of salary incentives.

Modernization & Finance Committee

Committee Member	Position	District/Organization	Committee Seat
James Fields	Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Sue Hull	First Vice Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Lee Butterfield		Anchorage School District	Parent
Bianca Rogers		Yukon Koyukuk School District	Parent
Lou Pondolfino		Anchorage School District	Parent
Cheryl Frasca	Executive Director	Education Matters, Inc.	Education Matters, Inc.
Shelley Hughes	State Senator	District F/Senate Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Jennifer Johnston	State Representative	District 28/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Katrina Church-Chmielowski	School Board Member	Copper River School Board	Association of Alaska School Boards
Karen Gaborik	Superintendent	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	Alaska Superintendents Association
Jessica Cook	Teacher	NEA-Alaska	NEA-Alaska
Edward Alexander	Education Manager	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Tribal Representative
Pearl Brower	President	Ilisagvik College	Tribal Representative
Charles Michael	State Board of Education Student Advisor-Elect	Alaska Association of Student Governments	Alaska Association of Student Governments
Michael Partlow	Budget Analyst	Office of Management and Budget	Office of Management and Budget
Luke Fulp	Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	Alaska Association of School Business Officials
Tammy Van Wyhe	Superintendent	Copper River School District	Education Technology
Alexei Painter	Fiscal Analyst	Alaska Legislative Finance Division	Alaska Legislative Finance Division
Tim Navarre	Council Member	City of Kenai	Alaska Municipal League
Rick Luthi	Principal	Bristol Bay Borough School District	Principal

Strategic Priority:

Modernize the education system

- **Goal 1: Personalized learning**

Establish a systemic foundation for personalized student learning and consistent excellence.

- **Goal 2: Enabling resources**

Expedite the dollars, expertise, and other assets necessary to enable modernization.

- **Goal 3: Systemic collaboration**

Facilitate deep systemic collaboration and alignment to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, and innovation.

Tribal & Community Ownership Committee

Committee Member	Position	District/Organization	Committee Seat
Kenny Gallahorn	Member	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
John Harmon	Second Vice Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
LTC Jason Toole	Military Advisor	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Kathy Commack		Bering Strait School District	Parent
Jerilyn Kelly		Lower Kuskokwim School District	Parent
Rachel Roy		Sitka School District	Parent
Janet Bifelt		Yukon Koyukuk School District	Parent
Tom Begich	State Senator	District J/Senate Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Zach Fansler	State Representative	District 38/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Chuck Kopp	State Representative	District 24/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Tiffany Jackson	School Board Member	Aleutians East School Board	Association of Alaska School Boards
Kerry Boyd	Superintendent	Yukon Koyukuk School District	Alaska Superintendents Association
Tim Parker	President	NEA-Alaska	NEA-Alaska
Steve Ginnis	Executive Director	Fairbanks Native Association	Tribal Representative
Melanie Bahnke	President/CEO	Kawerak, Inc.	Tribal Representative
Hunter Carter	Student	Alaska Association of Student Governments	Alaska Association of Student Governments
Valerie Davidson	Commissioner	Department of Health & Social Services	Department of Health and Social Services
Kathie Wasserman	Executive Director	Alaska Municipal League	Alaska Municipal League
Deena Mitchell		Great Alaska Schools	Great Alaska Schools
Liz Medicine Crow	President	First Alaskans Institute	First Alaskans Institute

Strategic Priority:

Inspire tribal and community ownership

- **Goal 1: Create the option for self-governance compacting for the delivery of education between the State of Alaska and Tribes or tribally-empowered Alaska Native organizations.**
 - Definition: Self-governance compacting for the delivery of education means the Tribes or tribally-empowered Alaska Native organizations exercise their rights, in partnership with the State of Alaska, to assume the responsibility and associated funding to carry out programs, functions, services, and activities that the State of Alaska would otherwise be obligated to provide.

Safety & Well-Being Committee

Committee Member	Position	District/Organization	Committee Seat
James Fields	Chair	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Keith Hamilton	Member	State Board of Education	Committee Co-Chair
Ishmael Andrew		Lower Kuskokwim School District	Parent
Leona Starr		Yukon Koyukuk School District	Parent
Lily Hinze		Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	Parent
Jennifer Hall Jones		Anchorage School District	Parent
Cathy Giessel	State Senator	District N/Senate Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
David Talerico	State Representative	District 6/House Education Committee	Alaska State Legislature
Peter Hoepfner	School Board Member	Cordova School Board	Association of Alaska School Boards
Norma Holmgaard	Superintendent	Kashunamiut School District	Alaska Superintendents Association
Laura Mulgrew	Teacher	Juneau School District	NEA-Alaska
Lillian Bannerman	Student	Alaska Association of Student Governments	Alaska Association of Student Governments
Marcey Bish	Child Care Program Manager/CCDF State Administrator	Department of Health & Social Services	Department of Health and Social Services
Walt Monegan	Commissioner	Department of Public Safety	Department of Public Safety
Dean Williams	Commissioner	Department of Corrections	Department of Corrections
Mary McMahon	Principal	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals
Sarah Sledge	Executive Director	Coalition for Education Equity	Coalition for Education Equity
Maureen Hall	School Nurse	Alaska School Nurses Association	School Nurse
Jeff Lansing	Principal	Delta/Greely School District	School Counselor

Strategic Priority:

Promote safety and well-being

- **Goal 1: Transforming School Climate**

Every Alaska school must work to create a sustainable and positive school climate that is safe, supportive, and engaging for all students, families, staff, and communities.

- **Goal 2: Building Trauma Engaged Schools**

Alaska's schools will create a culturally humble (responsive) and safe environment that recognizes the needs of the whole child, institutes trauma informed practices, and understands the vital importance of building all relationships surrounding every child to improve resiliency, health, and academic outcomes.

- **Goal 3: Student Health**

To ensure the physical and mental health needs of all students in all schools are addressed, students enrolled in public education will have direct access to school nursing/health and counseling services.

Committee Presentations

- **Video Remarks:**
<https://vimeo.com/akgovbillwalker>
- **Committee Slide Decks:**
gov.alaska.gov/education-challenge



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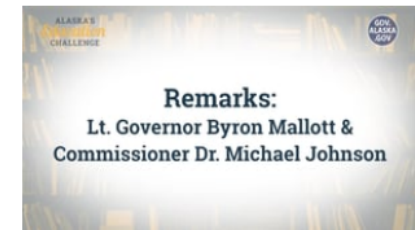
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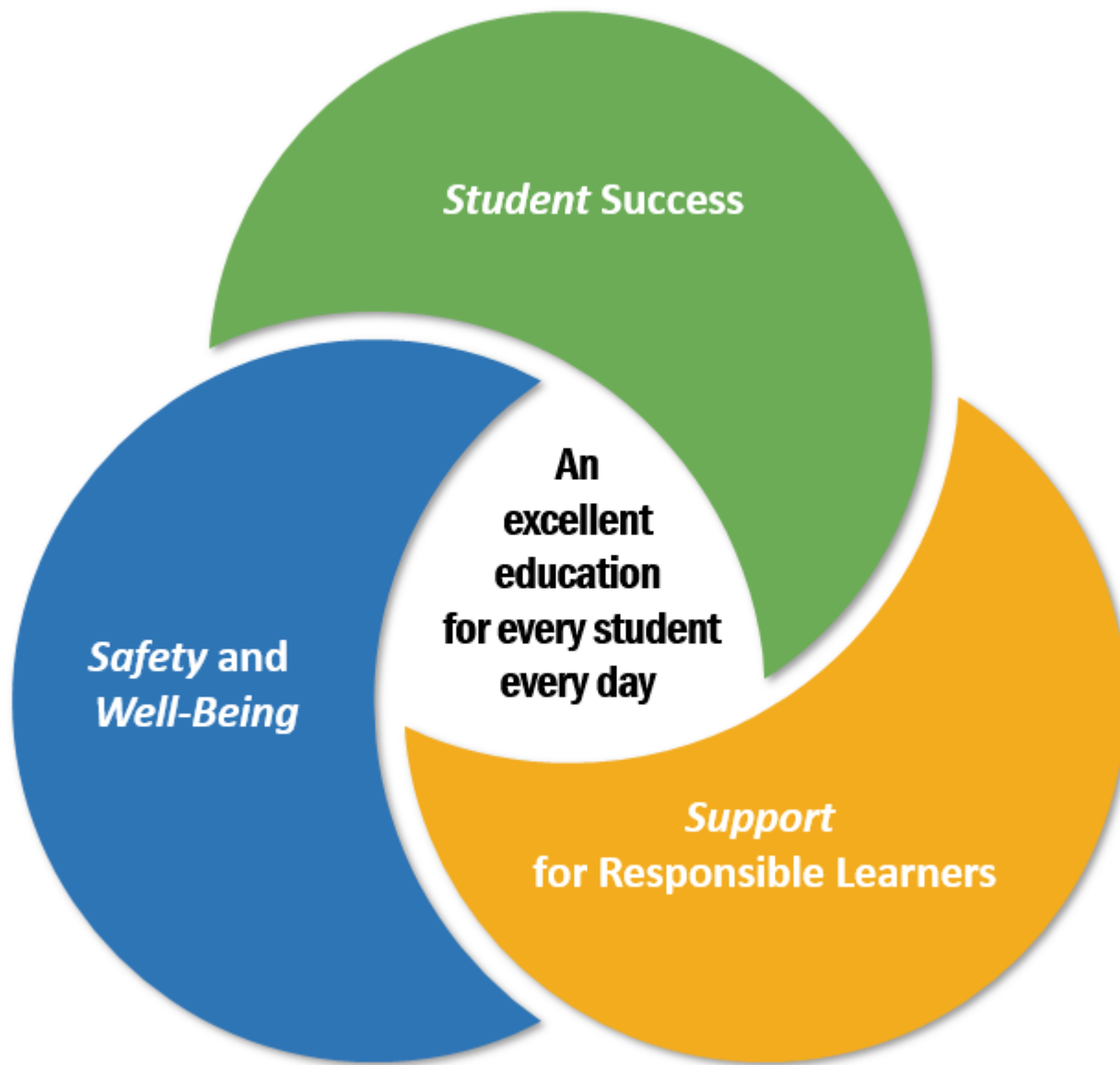
State Board Meetings

- **October 5:** Board members shared their belief that all 13 recommendations are transformative, and their desire to see all 13 move forward. The board ultimately tasked the Commissioner and DEED staff with proposing a plan for how to message this work and move it forward.



Oct. 5 board meeting

- **November 2:** The Commissioner and DEED staff provided a status update on the plan to move the work forward.

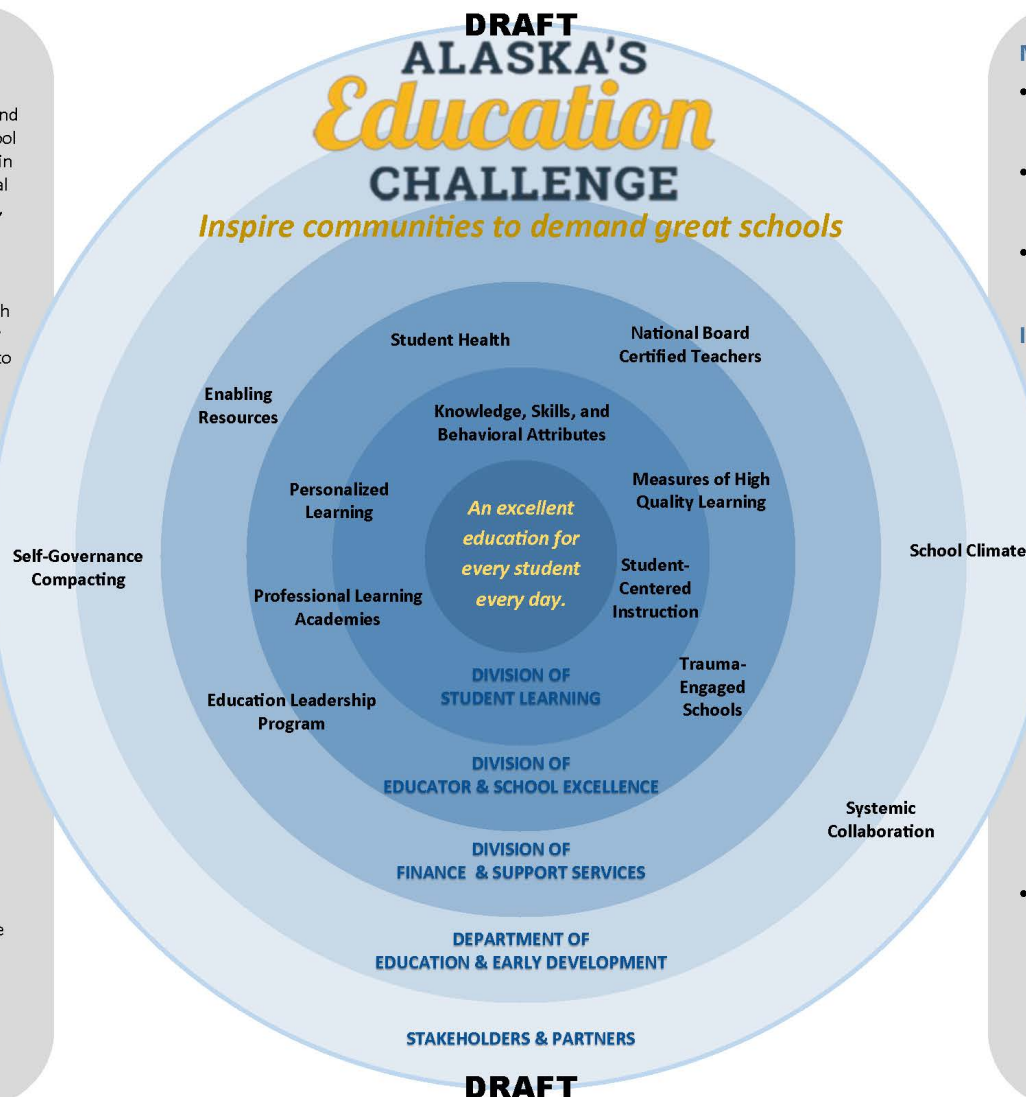


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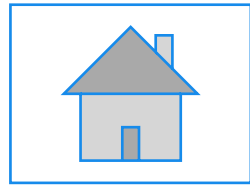
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