2018 AASB Annual Conference Snapshot Sessions

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| 1 | Wellness Wins: Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies in Alaska Schools | Lauren Kelsey | Alaska Obesity Prevention & Control Program | Good nutrition and physical activity have a positive impact on academic performance, improving on-task behavior, attendance, grades and test scores. Alaska's Obesity Prevention Program and DEED's Child Nutrition Program partnered with AASB to update the model wellness policy (BP5040) to comply with the latest state and federal requirements in March of 2017. Come discuss how to support wellness policy success in your district. |
| 2 | Recovering our communities from excessive alcohol use | Jess Limbird | Recover Alaska | Recover Alaska is a statewide initiative working to reduce excessive alcohol use and related harms. We do this work by engaging stakeholders across sectors, elevating the conversation about the broad social and health consequences of alcohol misuse, and shifting social norms. |
| 3 | Alaska Elder Mentors - Seniors Volunteering In Their Local Schools | Jan Abbott | RurAL CAP | Elders bring culture, values, and intergenerational relationships to students, and can be a tremendous resource in the classroom. Learn how to bring this program to schools in your district. |
| 4 | Family Survey Option: Alaska's School Climate & Connectedness Survey (SCCS) | Jenni Lefing | AASB | In 2018, AASB piloted a new family survey for schools to gather perceptions on school climate from families, which allowed districts to see student, staff, and family perceptions of school climate side-by-side. Hear 2018 statewide highlights, strategies for taking the family survey, and ways to explore results with your school communities. |
| 5 | What does it mean to be on AASB's Board of Directors? | Tiffany Jackson & Timi Tullis | AASB Board President-elect/ AASB | During the conference the Board of Directors (BOD) seem to be announced a lot, do you ever wonder who those people are and where they came from? Are you curious as to what it takes to be a BOD member? Come and hear about how you can be one of the statewide leaders in helping set the course and direction for AASB. Learn about all that the BOD does and the process to become a board member. |
| 6 | Watt's Up? Energy Literacy in K-12 classrooms | Colleen Fisk | Renewable Energy Alaska Project | Learn about a free, Alaskan-developed STEM curriculum that teaches energy literacy, "AK EnergySmart." The K-12 interdisciplinary lessons are available to download online and teach students how to measure and reduce electricity use, where energy originates, different energy sources, and more. See how you can use it in your district! |
| 7 | Student Conservation Association Opportunities in Alaska | Jeff Samuels and/or Jeff Chen | Student Conservation Associaiton | We will talk about conservation crew opportunities for Alaskan high school students in the summertime. Students are paid and travel costs to and from project sites are covered. |
| 8 | Redefining Education in Alaska: Asset-Based Learning through the Lens of Cultural Proficiency | Gerry Briscoe | Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) | How do you honor and respect the cultural identities of all learners? We invite you to hear how to provide educational opportunities through the manner in which we conduct our classrooms and organize our schools using an asset based learning lens of cultural proficiency with Alaska's Cultural Standards for Educators. |

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| 9 | Personal Learning & Career Plans (PLCPs) | Julia Renfro | ACPE | AKCIS, the FREE online personal learning and career-planning tool, helps students explore and evaluate careers and postsecondary education options, set goals, and make plans for their futures. AKCIS also promotes parental engagement in the exploration and planning process through use of PLCPs. Find scholarships, create Resumes. Grades 3-12 and adults. |
| 10 | UAF Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), Celebrating future leaders of Alaska | Denise Wartes | Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) | RAHI - Rural Alaska Honors Institute, a six week, summer, college preparatory bridge program for Alaska Native and rural high school juniors or seniors with "B" average, held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. If chosen, all expenses paid. Value = \$8,500. |
| 11 | The National Council of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members and how it relates to you | Mike Swain | NSBA's the National Council of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members | An opportunity to talk to the Pacific Region Director for the National School Boards Association's National Council of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members about benefits of membership and how to join. |
| 12 | Laying the Foundation- Early College & Career Awareness | Shelly Morgan | Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) | Learn about Early Career Explorers classroom resources, and the I Know I can and Kids2College early college/career awareness programs. Programs and resources are designed for Pre-K thorugh 6th grade, with flexibility. Understand program details, review success statistics, learn how to bring these programs to your school, and discover potential partners. |
| 13 | Recognize Alaska Teens for their Positive Community Involvement | Karen Zeman | Spirit of Youth | Students tend to receive public acclaim for academic and sports-related achievements. Social and community-based accomplishments are encouraged, but the lack of public celebration deprives such accomplishments of equal standing. Learn how you can recognize Alaska youth for their unique contributions. |
| 14 | Alaska's Youth Risk Behavior SurveyA Powerful Tool for Monitoring Youth Risks and Improving Programs and Policy | Tazlina Mannix | State of Alaska, Division of Public Health | This session will highlight the Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), a biennial survey of Alaska students in grades 9-12. We will compare and contrast the YRBS and School Climate and Connectedness Survey, discuss the upcoming 2019 Alaska YRBS, and share YRBS promotional and administrative resources. |
| 15 | Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Support in Alaska | Manuel Vazquez & Hella Bel Hadj Amor | Education Northwest | This session will provide information about the Regional Educational Laboratory and the support it provides Alaska educators. We will present recent results on educator retention from an ongoing project. Participants will leave the session with a better understanding of REL services available to Alaska educators and school board members. |
| 16 | ADF&G Hunter Information & Training (HIT) Program | Ginamaria Smith | Alaska Dept of Fish & Game | The HIT Program can partner with schools and districts to offer hunter education classes, the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), and provide training for teachers. Alaska has a rich outdoor recreation and hunting heritage that the HIT Program wants to encourage and pass along to future generations. |
| 17 | Essentials of Risk Management for School Districts | Barbara Thurston | Alaska Public Entity Insurance | Risk Management is a critical tool in providing a safe and secure learning environment for students, staff and the public. Join us in this session to discuss the essentials of risk management for school districts and how to manage risk within your district. |

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| 18 | BoardBook | Lon Garrison | AASB | Presentation of the BoardBook paperless meeting platform developed and supported by the Texas School Boards Association. |
| 19 | Resources for students and teachers from the K-12 Outreach Office | Sam Norlin | K-12 Outreach Office at the University of Alaska Fairbanks | An overview of K-12 Outreach Office programs that are: helping to grow our own educators (Ed Rising), supporting educational agencies to recruit quality educators (ATP), providing individualized mentor support to new teachers (ASMP) and supporting place-based culturally relevant education (REACH UP). |
| 20 | Cultural Immersions & Alaska History Day | Kari Lovett & Amanda Dale | Alaska Humanities Forum | Educators who grow their own cultural competence stay in their communities longer, and their students do better in school. The Alaska Humanities Forum offers cultural immersions for educators, urban and rural, that build frameworks for stronger relationships with their students and families. The forum also coordinate Alaska History Day, a contest that can be tailored to students' personal stories, academic strengths, and local communities. |
| 21 | The Role of the School Counselor | Elizabeth Congdon- McGee | Alaska School Counselor Association | Guidance Counselor is no more; we are Professional School Counselors. The role of the school counselor has changed immensely over the years. Let me share in a snapshot how our profession has changed and can impact students' lives and improve school data. |
| 23 | Resiliency Training and Skills Development for Alaska's Youth | Lt Col Aaron Kelsey and Lt Col Donna Johnson | Alaska Army National Guard | The Alaska Army National Guard's team of resiliency subject matter experts seeks the opportunity to provide training and skills to youth in high schools across the state. Topics include suicide prevention, dignity and respect, and anti-bullying. During the snapshot, we will discuss our Resiliency Program and its benefits to students. |
| 24 | Early Care and Learning in Rural Alaska | Jen Clark | thread | This session will discuss out-of-home care options and early learning opportunities for famlies in rural communities. Resources and supports for progarm start-up or quality enhancement will be provided. |
| 25 | Transforming Schools: An Alaska Trauma Engaged Schools Framework | Heather Coulehan | AASB | School districts and communities across Alaska are focusing on trauma informed schools in response to the prevalence of childhood adversity in Alaska. Co-created by Alaskans for Alaskans, the Alaska Trauma Engaged Schools Framework brings together best practices from Alaska districts and the nation to build on district, school and community strengths for student success. |