

# Association of Alaska School Boards

## **SERVICES & ACTIVITIES**



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school boards

## **WHO ARE WE?**

The mission of AASB is to advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.

AASB helps school board members advocate on behalf of youth by promoting family, community and social service commitment to the shared responsibility of educating all children and youth.

The Association of Alaska School Boards is a non-profit organization representing membership from among Alaska's school boards.

For more information about these services and activities, visit [www.aasb.org](http://www.aasb.org) or contact Timi Tullis at 907-463-1660 or e-mail her at [ttullis@aasb.org](mailto:ttullis@aasb.org).

# AASB'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

## **POLICY SERVICES**

Legally vetted sample policies, as well as expert consultation when Boards need to review or revise their current manual.

## **POLICY AUDIT**

Monitoring of local policy manual for missing or outdated policies with suggestions for a course of action for correction.

## **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SERVICES**

Expert facilitation of the entire search process, including identifying the needs of the district, recruiting candidates and facilitating interviews.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS**

Data Informed Decision Making, Curriculum Review & Development, Goal Setting and Planning, Community Engagement, and Facilitation & Coaching Services.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING & MISSION**

AASB facilitates workshops to help Boards establish a mission and vision for the district and develop specific action plans that benefit student learning in measurable ways.

## **SALARY & BENEFITS REPORTS**

AASB is the only source for comparative information on teacher, classified and administrator salaries and benefits.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Engage community members, Tribes, families and more in supporting youth success— enlist adults in building assets; engage community organizations in actively supporting youth; build family and community support for schools and student success.

## **PAPERLESS MEETINGS (BOARDBOOK)**

A web-based paperless meeting service developed by the Texas School Boards Association. Easy to use, flexible, intuitive, and very affordable!

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE & CONNECTEDNESS SURVEY (SCCS)**

Useful tool to collect and use school climate data for students, staff, and families, to improve and strengthen school environments, relationships and connections between students & staff. SCCS's survey platform make survey administration, reporting and analysis interactive and user-friendly.

## **YOUTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE (YAI)**

This event takes place in February alongside the AASB's Fly-in in Juneau. Students work with school board members, legislators, and peers to build advocacy and leadership skills. Students practice and use these skills with legislators increasing student understanding of the legislative process.



## **CONSORTIUM FOR DIGITAL LEARNING (CDL)**

CDL offers a full menu of services to school districts in project management, professional development, development of digital resources and other services which support the needed critical factors of digital learning environments which help assure student success.

## **BOARDSMANSHIP ACADEMIES**

Held three times a year- Fall, Winter, and Spring. Topics include: School Law, School Finance, Policy Development and Curriculum as well as workshops to improve knowledge of issues affecting schools in Alaska.

## **LEGISLATIVE FLY-INS**

Held twice each session, these trainings equip members with legislative basics, opportunity to discuss current education issues, and help members connect with their legislative delegation.

## **SCHOOL BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Based on Board Standards, AASB staff can facilitate the assessment and help boards develop self-improvement plans.

## **CUSTOMIZED WORKSHOPS**

AASB provides in-district workshops on topics such as Robert's Rules, Board/Superintendent Relations, School Board Self-Evaluation, Goal Setting, and Budgeting.

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Each November, this event is a gathering of education leaders bringing together most of the School Board members in the state. Conference programs feature renowned speakers, education sectionals and a resolution session that gives the Association its direction.

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (YLI)**

This event takes place in November alongside the AASB's Annual Conference in Anchorage. YLI is focused on building student leadership skills and personal leadership style, increasing youth communication and advocacy skills and awareness of issues faced by Alaska schools.

## **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

This session held in January or February helps Board Presidents and officers develop skills. This top quality program is an opportunity for members to hone their communication skills and become a more effective and productive leader.

## **ADVISORY & CHARTER SCHOOL TRAININGS**

Having a well trained advisory board (in REAAs) and APCs in Charter Schools can make all the difference in effective governance for the schools. We provide a number of optional trainings for these boards.

## **COMMENTARY & THE SESSION**

Published regularly, these digital communications help keep education leaders, professionals and stakeholders abreast of developments in our state and the U.S. Congress and Legislature.