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Alaska Public Entity Insurance Professional Boundaries for Alaskan Educators

Through our work in relation to school district liability coverage, APEI has recognized a need to help Alaskan school districts protect their students from sexual abuse. APEI has partnered with the Association of Alaska School Boards and numerous other education and safety groups to develop a plan for assisting school districts in learning how a culture of professional boundaries within schools can prevent sexual abuse from occurring. We have learned from experts in the field that the best way to prevent abuse is by recognizing that:

- Boundary invasions may put children at risk;
- Staff should report any boundary invasions they observe, and
- Administrators must follow up on any reports of boundary invasions.

Given the importance of this topic, APEI is offering their "*Professional Boundaries for Alaskan Educators*" to all Alaskan schools and school districts.

APEI members may contact us to coordinate training specifically for their staff at a date and time of their choice. APEI can offer training to our members both in person and by live webinar. To coordinate training for your school district, contact Carleen Mitchell at <u>cmitchell@akpei.com</u> for more information.

For non-APEI members, we are opening up pre-scheduled, virtual training which anyone may attend. Available training dates and times are listed at <u>https://akpei.com/professional-boundaries-for-</u><u>educators/</u>. Simply select the training you would like to attend and complete the registration.

If you have any questions about this training, please don't hesitate to contact APEI for more information.