



DEED Update for AASB

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Association of Alaska School Boards 2017 Leadership Fly-In





DEED Updates:

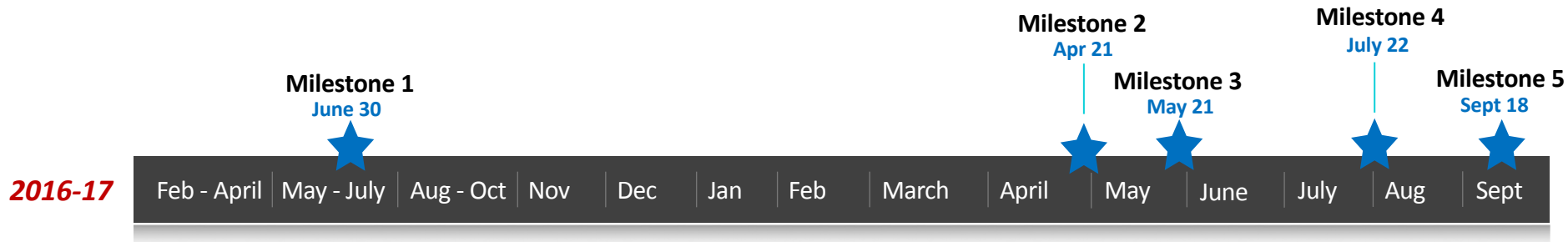
- ESSA
- DEED Restructuring
- State Fiscal Plan and Alaska's Education Challenge
- 2017 Legislative Session





Our goal is that the AK ESSA plan will support and nourish Alaska's vision of public education.

ESSA State Plan Development Timeline



Monthly Advisory Committee Meetings

Milestone 1: **Apr - June**
Focus Group Meetings and State-Level Conferences

Milestone 2: **May - Apr**
State Plan Development of Options and Public Feedback

Milestone 3: **Apr - May**
Draft State Plan - Public Comment

Milestone 4: **May - July**
Final Public Comment

Milestone 5: **Sept 18**
Submittal to ED



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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Fact Sheet FAQ Timeline

Overview Stakeholder Engagement Standards & Assessments Accountability School Support & Improvement Draft State Plan

A Message from Commissioner Johnson

ESSA is not Alaska's vision for public education, but rather our goal is that it will support and nourish the vision of public education held by Alaska stakeholders.

Overview

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by Congress and signed by the President in December 2015. ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and will replace the Child Left Behind (NLB) and Alaska's current NLB Flexibility Waiver. Alaska's transition to, and implementation of, ESSA will be a thorough and thoughtful process informed by meaningful consultation with state and local education stakeholders.

ESSA requires that State Educational Agencies (SEAs) develop a State Plan addressing three components: Standards and Assessments; School, District, and State Accountability Systems; and School Support and Improvement.

SEAs must develop state plans "with timely and meaningful consultation with the Governor, members of the State Legislature and State Board of Education, local educational agencies, representatives of Indian tribes located in the State, teachers, principals, other school leaders, charter school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, administrators, other staff, and parents." (Every Student Succeeds Act, Sec. 1111)

Federal regulations and guidance are being developed on an ongoing basis by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to direct and support implementation of ESSA.

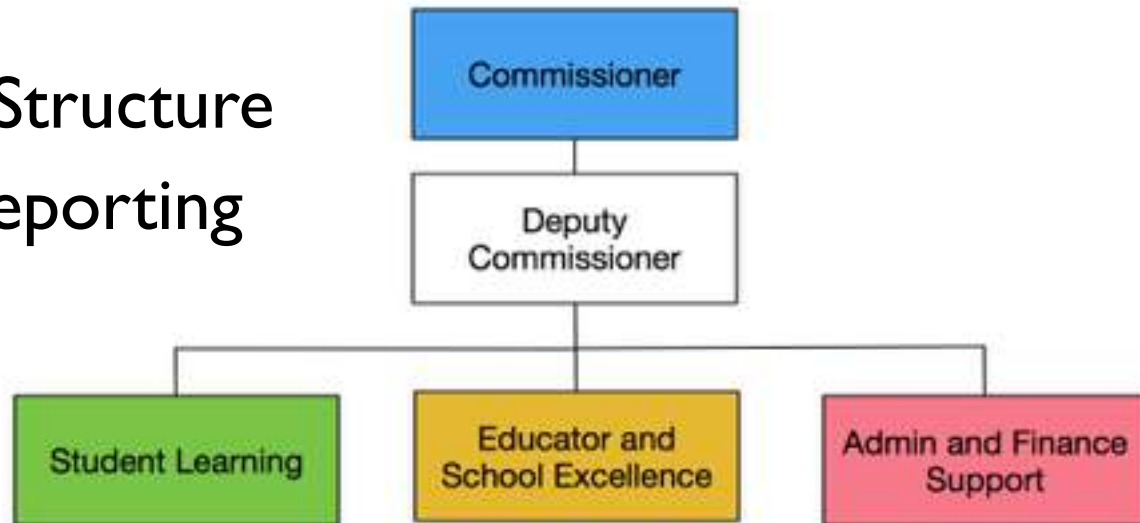
To facilitate the transition to ESSA, the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) is conducting a review of the work required to fully implement the new law. As with implementation of any program of such significance and complexity, changes will occur over the course of months and even years. Some changes were initiated immediately upon signing, some will be implemented relatively quickly, and others will be finalized over the course of the next five years only upon receipt of additional federal regulations and guidance, and collaborative input by state and local education stakeholders.

Timeline and Transition: ED Established Milestones

- ED has a year from the date of enactment (12.10.15) to issue final regulations. [Read the final regulations, guidance, and regulatory information from ED:](#)
 - [Read DEED's Comments on Proposed Regulations: Assessments \(Submitted 3.3.16\) \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Read DEED's Comments on Proposed Regulations: Accountability, State Plans, and Data Reporting \(Submitted 7.16.16\) \(pdf\)](#)
- ESSA Flexibility Waivers end August 1, 2016.



- Performance Review
- Leadership
- DEED Organizational Structure
- Data Collecting and Reporting
- Communication







“Alaska faces obstacles to student achievement unlike those that exist in any other state in the nation.”

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Together, we will meet Alaska's education challenge by honoring our heritage, innovating for the future, and prioritizing for today's fiscal challenges.



Stakeholder Engagement Process

"Alaskans must be at the heart of this effort." – Governor Walker



This is NOT a study of the problem.



This IS a process to prioritize the solutions.

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CHALLENGE

With this in mind, please provide up to five suggestions for the Student Learning Committee. (Limit each idea to a maximum of 150 characters.)

Suggestion 1

Suggestion 2

Suggestion 3

Suggestion 4

Suggestion 5

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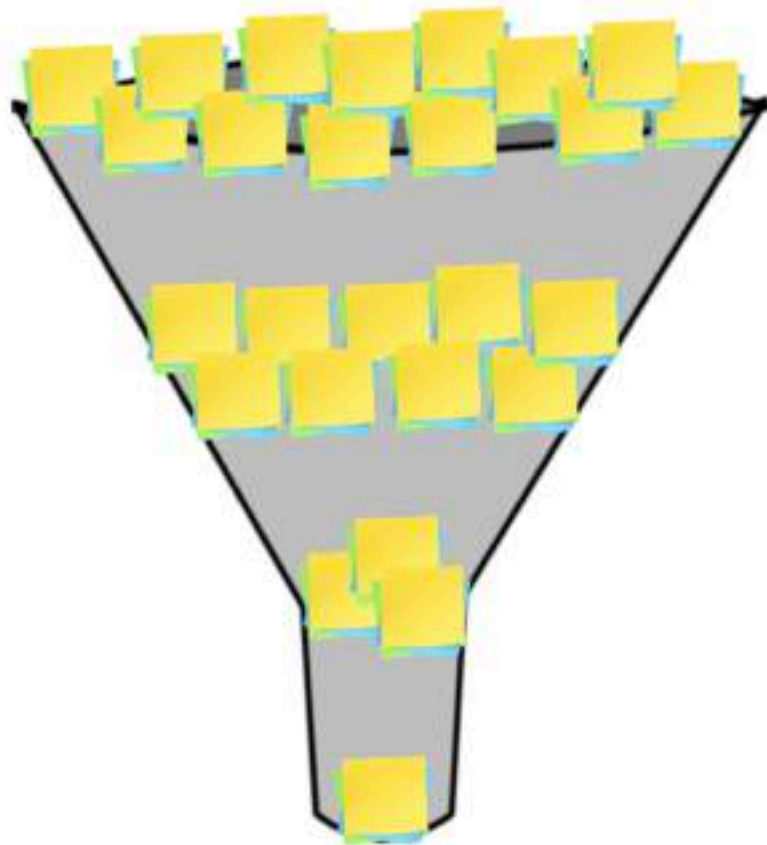


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Stakeholder Engagement Process



1. Alaskans submit ideas for topics through an online survey (opened Feb. 1).



2. Submitted ideas are then categorized by topic.

3. Alaskans prioritize topics through a second online survey.



4. Priority topics, as determined by Alaskans, are assigned to committees.



5. Committees meet to take public comment, hear presentations, and deliberate.



6. Committees make final recommendations to the State Board of Education.



7. State Board of Education takes public comment and approves final recommendations in a report for Governor and Legislature.



Survey Reports

As of February 7, 2017:

- 521 survey responses
- 7,296 suggestions

Priority	Answered question	Cumulative suggestions
Committee #1: Student Learning Committee	508	2,066
Committee #2: Educator Excellence Committee	439	1,612
Committee #3: Modernization and Finance Committee	396	1,339
Committee #4: Tribal and Community Ownership Committee	325	1,026
Committee #5: Safety and Well-Being Committee	373	1,253





Student Learning

Educator Excellence

Modernization & Finance

Safety & Well-Being

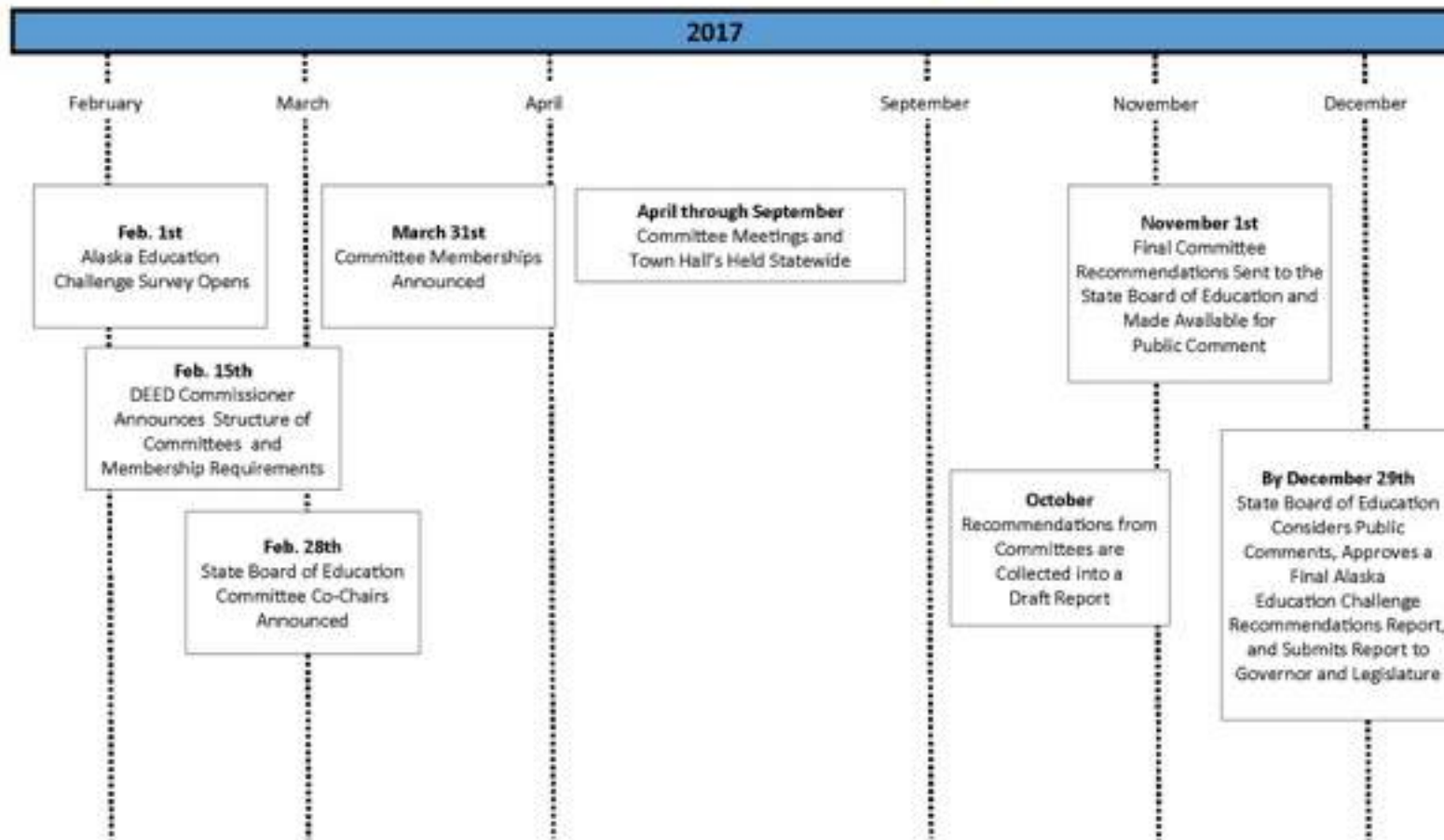
Tribal & Community Ownership

Committee Makeup

- 2 State Board Co-Chairs for each committee
- 15-20 member committees
 - Uniform seats across all committees
 - Seats specific to each committee



Alaska's Education Challenge



Next Steps



- **February 15 – Committee Structures and Requirements Announced**
- **February 28 – First Survey Closes, State Board Committee Co-Chairs Announced**
- **March 15 – Second Survey Opens**

Take the survey at: gov.alaska.gov/education-challenge







The Other Challenge



The most pressing challenge facing Alaska's public education system is the lack of a sustainable fiscal plan.

GOVERNOR WALKER'S PLAN FOR A SUSTAINABLE, BALANCED BUDGET

Three necessary elements this year:

- 1. Continue to reduce state spending**
- 2. Draw from Permanent Fund earnings to support vital state services and protect the dividend**
- 3. Generate more revenue**





