

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

COMMISSIONER BISHOP'S 100-DAY REPORT

State Board of Education Meeting December 6, 2023



FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS

COMMUNICATE and SHARE VISION

ENGAGE and EMPOWER DEED



CONNECT with PEOPLE

GROW as a LEADER



EDUCATION PRIORITIES

- Strengthen reading skills by third grade for all Alaska's students.
- Focus on completion and success of State-Tribal Education Compacting negotiations to ensure culturally relevant education and school choice.
- Improve teacher retention and recruitment via the Alaska Teacher Retention and Recruitment (TRR) work, focusing on investments in the classrooms and alternative certification.
- Prioritize educational choice for parents, a child's first teachers, through legislation and expanding options.
- Improve high school and post-secondary connections in training and the workforce for Alaska's graduates.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Create strategic direction document for the next 3-5 years of actions to meet the State Board of Education's (SBOE) goals.
- Align work within the department to eliminate duplication and create synergies among divisions.
- Complete modernization and streamline online Teacher Certification.
- Refine website and develop state data platform to foster communication, transparency, and accessibility.
- Partner with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Department of Health to prioritize the comprehensive development of our students.