

# **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES

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Fred Villa

Chad Hansen

Courtney Westmann

Clayton Holland

Elizabeth Joseph

Joshua Gill

Sally Stockhausen

# ONGOING PROJECTS/UPDATES (1)

- Educating Special Education Administrators and Teachers
- Inclusive Practice Award/Paraeducator of the Year Award
- Early Childhood Work Group: Suspension, Expulsion, Restraint & Seclusion, and Schoolwide Behavior Support

# ONGOING PROJECTS/UPDATES (2)

**Parent involvement (DEED parent survey)**

**Provided comments on:**

- Alaska Early Learning Guidelines
- DEED Proposed Regulation Changes to Therapies
- SESA Reauthorization Position Paper and Letter of Support

# LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

- **HB25:** Duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development
- **HB 43:** SB 19: Extending the termination date of the special education service agency.
- **HB 49:** Appropriations from the general fund for early literacy programs in public schools.
- **SB 34:** Establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts.

# REPRESENTING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

- Leadership Council for Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)
- State Board of Education and Early Development
- Special Education Services Agency (SESA) Board
- Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DEB) - TBA



**QUESTIONS?**