

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL

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**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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- Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich
- Shawn Bernard
- Mandy Cleveland
- Sara Doutre
- Don Enoch
- Alex Fogarty
- Kate Foster
- Clayton Holland
- Karen Jenkins
- Elizabeth Joseph
- Jacob Kammermeyer
- David Kohler
- Heidi Lieb-Williams
- Kelly Manning
- Ernest Manzie
- Molly McManamin
- Patrick Pillai
- Ina Boucher
- Kathryn Rose
- Brian Ross
- Greg Sampson
- Colleen Shivers
- Sally Stockhausen
- Fred Villa
- Courtney Westmann

Role of SEAP

Advise	advise the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
Comment	comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities;
Advise	advise DEED in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the U.S. Secretary of Education as required;
Advise	advise DEED in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under part B of the Act;
Advise	advise DEED in developing and implementing policies related to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; and
Aid in	aid in recruiting, preparing, and retaining qualified personnel.

SEAP'S Advisory Role

“Although the SEAP is responsible for advising the DEED, many stakeholders contribute to the recommendations about new and ongoing efforts to provide exemplary services for students with disabilities. Some of the stakeholders who provide feedback include Alaska parent information centers, the Special Education Advisory Panel, University of Alaska, parents, and all of Alaska’s 59 school districts and educational service agencies.”

Highlights from January 21, 2021 Meeting

David Kohler announced that the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) put out an initiative called Attract, Prepare, Retain. The initiative is focused on the recruitment and retention of special education teachers.

David Kohler reported that the winners of the Inclusive Practice Award have been chosen and notified.

Don Enoch shared a presentation on the data DEED submitted in Alaska's then upcoming FFY 2019 Annual Performance Report (APR) on February 1, 2021 to the federal Office of Special Education Programs.

SEAP Report to Dept. of Education and Early Development for the State of Alaska Highlighted Recommendations:

- Increase funding and staff to support SEAP
- Recruit to meet membership requirements
- SEAP proposed suggestions related to the allocation of funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental—IDEA Part B. The committee believes that it is critical for the State to utilize the federal funding for activities which directly support individualized academic social activities.

Questions?

