

**Early Childhood**

Early learning is critical to a child's future success in life. This discussion work group focuses on topics including parental support, pre-school, and Head Start programs.

**World Class Schools, World Class Students: Teaching and Learning**

Alaskans expect the best for their students and have high expectations of teachers and schools. This discussion work group focuses on topics including alternative education options, graduation rate improvements, parent engagement, school improvement, staff development, rigorous reading, writing, and math standards, and graduation outcomes.

**College, Work and Life Ready**

Alaska's students dream of their futures. Preparing students to make their dreams happen involves families, schools and communities. This discussion work group focuses on topics including career and technical education programming, transitions, industry, business and college partnerships, middle colleges and aligning programs to workforce needs.

**School Finance, Facilities and Planning**

Alaska's students deserve facilities that will enhance their potential to learn and grow. This discussion work group focuses on topics including long-range facility planning, school funding strategies and challenges, long-range finance planning, and accountability.

**School 2.0: Technology Lifestyles for Learning**

Today's students must be able to use the technologies of the future many of which haven't been conceived yet. This discussion work group focuses on topics including student-managed technologies, digital equity, and virtual schools.

**Place-Based Education**

This discussion work group focuses on topics including culture, community and family, quality education programs in rural communities, distance education, private schools, school choice, and local control versus state responsibility for education.

**Student Health and Safety**

The health and safety of our students influences their ability to learn. This discussion work group focuses on topics including student health and nutrition, drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention programs, suicide prevention and intervention, emergency and crisis planning, character education, and healthy activities.

**Partnerships for Learning**

Life-long learning is a key to success beyond the classroom and involves a variety of partnerships. This discussion work group focuses on topics including, communities and schools, parent engagement, local control and school improvement, school improvement and school governance, university partnerships, and business partnerships.