

Special Education Report

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School Visits

Special Education site visits are underway. These visits provide valuable observational data for continued student and staff support. Objectives of the visits include facilitating collaboration and aligning student learning objectives to promote student success.

Alaska School Safety & Well Being Summit: September 18-20, 2019

By attending the Summit, KSD's Special Education department received resources to promote healthy development through trauma-engaged and restorative practices, and improve school climate. Some of the topics of continued learning included suicide prevention, counseling and mental health, and social emotional learning. Additionally, districts were provided with the resource: <u>Transforming Schools: A Framework for Trauma-engaged Schools in Alaska</u>.

Director of Special Education Training: September 26-27, 2019

Received guidance from DEED on the updates to the Special Education Handbook, intensive funding application process, annual assurances requirements, special education law, and mediation services.

| Areas of need | Action steps |
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| SPED services identified during enrollment | -Added question to online enrollment form to elicit information from the parent/guardian. -Updated Records Request form to streamline and expedite the process. |
| Collaboration between SPED providers and regular education providers | -The Scholar Newsletter designed to provide updates within the SPED Department, but also keep the regular education providers updated. |
| Intensive IEP Reviews | -Director will be included and participate in the IEP process for ALL intensive claims. |

Department Overview