

The Current Status of Local School Boards and Their Communities

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Initial Request – How do we hold board meetings?

- AS 44.62.310 Alaska Open Meetings Act
- BB 9320 Meetings
- Webinar – Holding Remote Meetings
- Archived on AASB website

School Boards Reached Out To AASB for Assistance

- The talented team at AASB responded on many levels to assist boards as they responded to their students.

Archived AASB Webinars

AASB WEBINAR Distance Teaching with Zoom

In this "office hours" session Professor Megan Gahl and AASB staff answer questions and hear teacher insights on how to keep students engaged while teaching online.

[Discussion Notes](#)

AASB WEBINAR Tips for Engaging Learners From a Distance

In this educator-focused webinar, Professor Megan Gahl, Heather Coulehan and Emily Ferry provide an overview of Zoom basics and best practices, and engagement in online classrooms. [Webinar & Resources](#) | [Distance Learning Tips and Tools guide](#)

AASB WEBINAR Holding Your Meeting Remotely

In this board-focused webinar, Lon Garrison and Timi Tullis provide an overview of what board members need to know to hold successful remote meetings.

[Webinar & Resources](#)

AASB WEBINAR Working with the Board

Learn more about working with your fellow board members in an effective way that results in improved student achievement.

[Webinar & Resources](#)



AASB IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Workshops for You and Your Board

- Board/Superintendent Relations
- How to run Effective Meetings
- Board Self Evaluations (with a resulting board improvement plan)
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Board's Quasi-Judicial Role
- Using Your District's Data for Planning
- Data for School Boards
- School Budget & Finance
- Family Engagement
- Youth Engagement
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Policy
- Facilitated Superintendent Evaluation
- Advisory School Committees
- Charter Schools
- Communications with your board
- Labor Relations
- Ethics
- School Climate: What does School Climate & Connectedness look like now?
- Trauma-Engaged Schools
- Specialized facilitation:
 - *Focus on particular issues*
 - *Choice of program*
 - *Scheduling to meet the needs of your board members and administrators*
 - *Team building*



New Resources

Free BYU Online High School Curriculum

As a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Brigham Young University and Agilix have agreed to make our online high school curriculum available to U.S. schools and districts that have closed, free of charge until July 1, 2020.



BYU Independent Study is pleased to offer more than 100 free high school online courses. The courses are to be used by the school's teachers as content during a shutdown to continue the classroom teaching and learning online.

The courses contain subject matter content, assignments, formative and summative assessments and they include all 7th to 12th – grade core subject areas as well as some of our most popular elective courses. They are also completely 100% online so no textbooks are required. The courses will be available through July 1, 2020 for your use.

[Sign Up](#) | [Browse Courses](#)

Wellness, Safety, and SEL Resources

Being quarantined at home for extended periods can increase the amount of stressors for families, students, and teachers connecting remotely. Here are resources to help.



Native Wellness Power Hour

Celebrating 20 Years of Bringing Wellness and Healing to the Native Community. The Native Wellness Power Hour is a Daily Facebook Live broadcast at Noon PST.

[Power Hour Video Archive](#)



**First Alaskans
Institute**

Coffee Time for the People

Facebook Live broadcast with Valerie Davidson, Liz Medicine Crow, and Barbara Blake. Gunalchéesh to our guests who joined us and shared their wisdom and stories.

[Coffee Time Video](#)



**First Alaskans
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Coronavirus Resources

Compiled resources from the First Alaskans Institute include Advocacy, Financial Relief, Tribal and Regional Responses to COVID-19 Frequently Asked questions and other information.

[Visit Page](#)

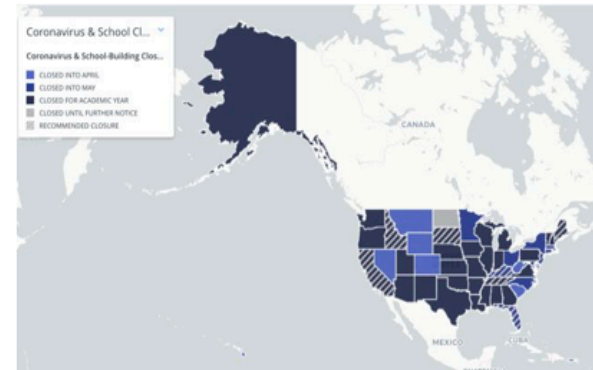


Coronavirus Information and Resources

NEW National District Responses to COVID-19 School Closures

[More than 100,000 public schools](#) across the country have closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are expected to remain closed for weeks, and in some cases, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This project will track how districts shift instruction, student support, and organizational operations.

[View Database](#)



District Dispatches

SCHOOL CLOSURE - WEEK 5

How is your district supporting students at home?
What have been your successes and challenges?

Anchorage School District

Margo Bellamy, School Board

- Food distribution centers
- Chrome Book distribution
- Technical support
- ASD Help Center (742-HELP)
- Homework help
- Online Resources/Guidelines for online learning
- Remote Education portals
- Educational Resources for distant learning



Anchorage School District

Educating All Students for Success in Life



What Keeps School Board Members Awake?

- Limited & affordable bandwidth (rural & urban).
- Access to digital devices for students.
- Distance learning (*from Alaskans for Alaskans*).
- Knowing plans for 20/21 school year as far in advance as possible.

- **Transportation (staff, students, freight – both air & AMHS).**
- **Financial support for extra COVID-19 expenses (food service, instructional materials, internet fees, quarantining of staff).**
- **Creation of a statewide pandemic & emergency plan for the future.**
- **Assistance for counseling, mental health, SEL for students & staff.**

- **Summer school programs to ensure all students are on-track for student achievement.**
- **Summer food services.**