

State Board of Education Report to the Legislature

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

James Fields, Chair

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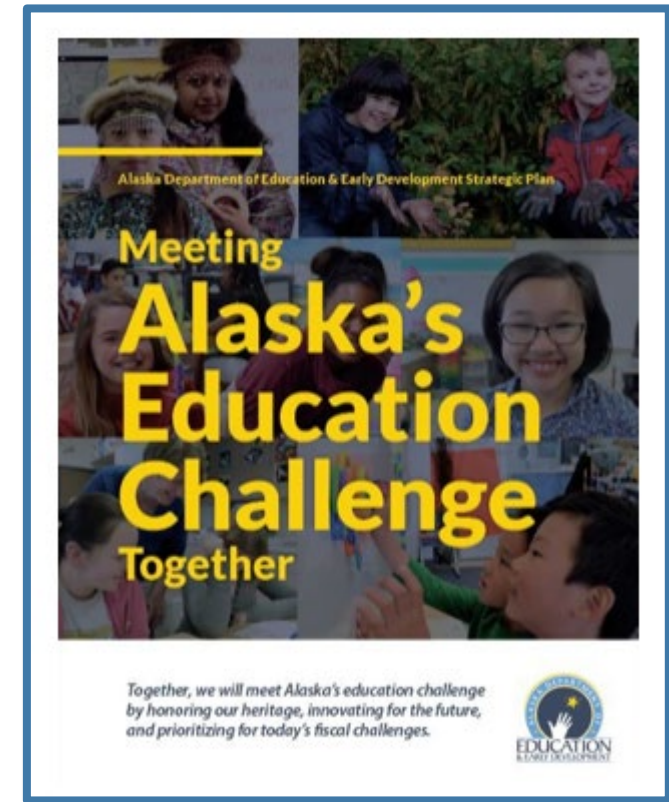
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



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Board Action Highlights

- COVID-19 Relief Funding: Supporting Efficacy & Transparency
- Reading: Strategic Support and Implementing the Alaska Reads Act – House Bill 114 (Chapter 40, SLA 22)
 - Academic Support Team
 - Alaska Science of Reading Symposium
 - Strategic Reading Plan
- Advancing Tribal Compacting and Culturally Relevant Education
- Improving Teacher Retention and Recruitment

Other Department Functions

- Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS)
- Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)
- Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LAM)
- Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)

School and Student Data

- Graduation and Dropout Rates
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

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Tribal Compacting Committee

**Sandy Kowalski
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Tribal Compacting Committee

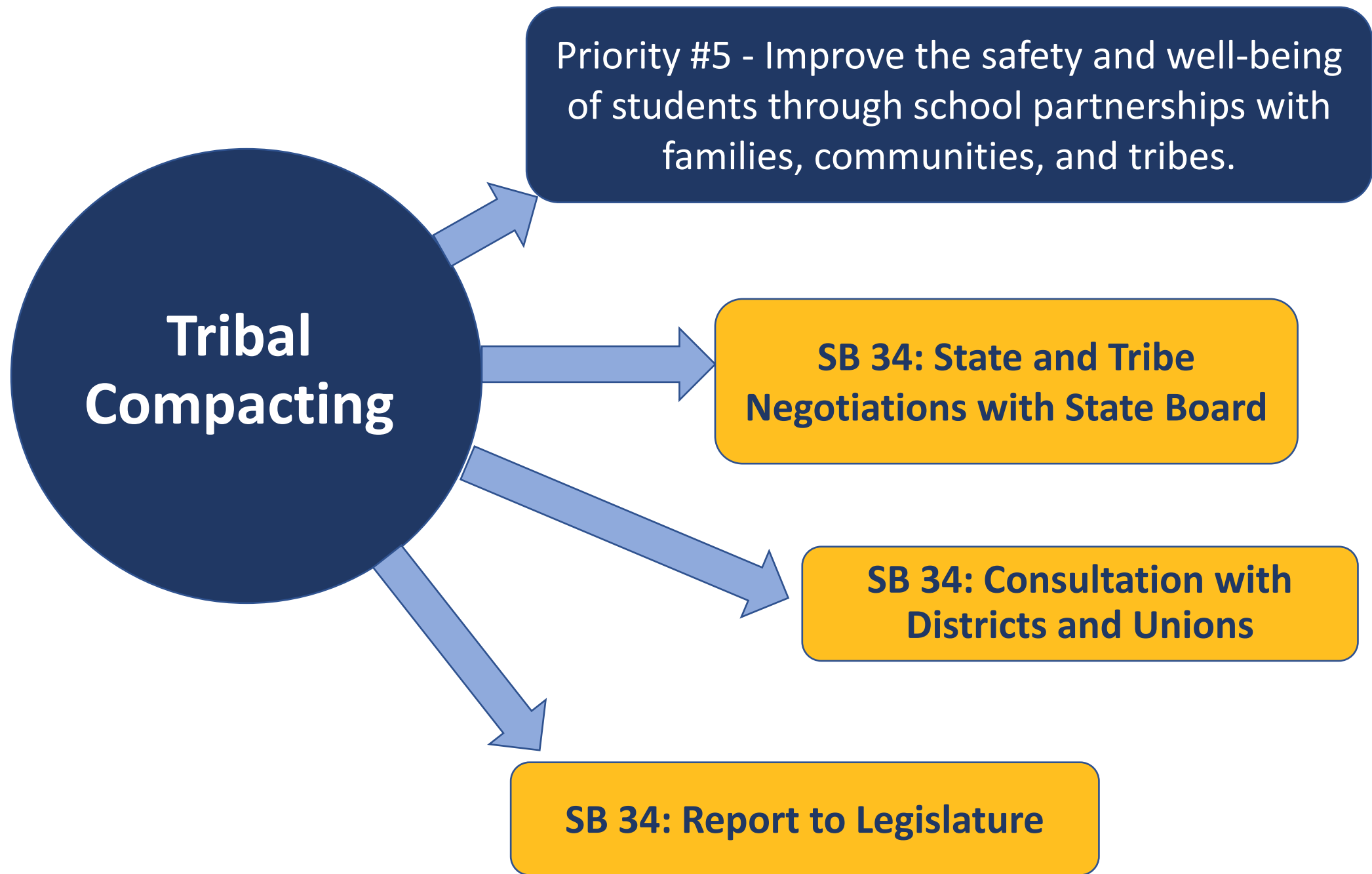
Mission and Goals

- **Mission Statement**

- Support tribal compacting by identifying and developing regulations that support the efforts of tribes throughout Alaska

- **Goals**

- On-going – Continued learning; Identify barriers
- This Year – Develop additional teacher pathway
- Mid-Range – Identify what supports look like for Tribes, districts, and DEED
- Long-Term
 - Identify areas that need further development
 - Develop regulations with input from Tribes
 - Explore oversight and reporting (i.e. regional individuality, learn from Health System compacting in Alaska)



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Reading Committee

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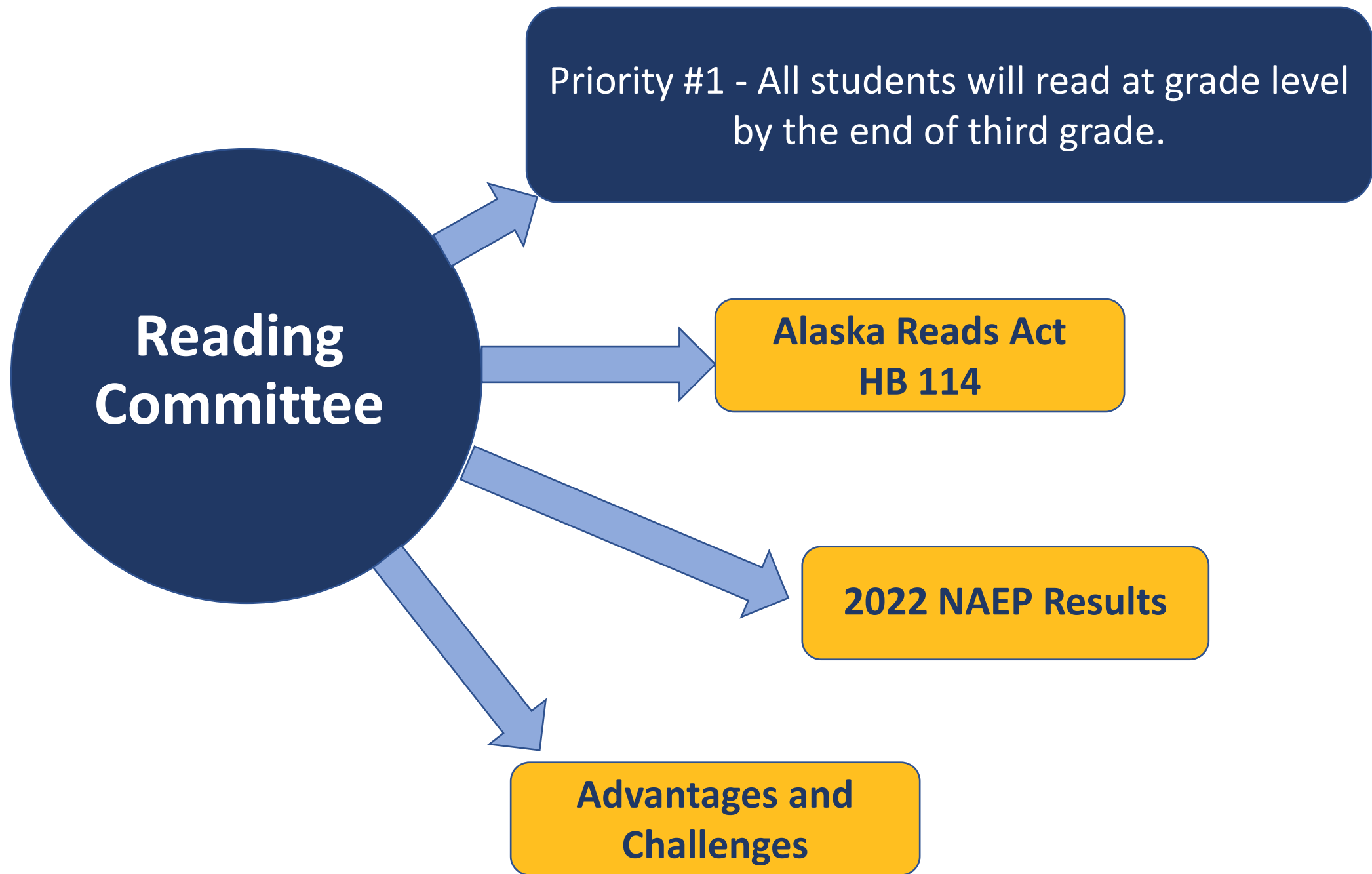
Reading Committee Mission and Goals

- **Mission Statement**

- Support all student to read at grade level using evidence-based and culturally relevant practices

- **Goals**

- Successful implementation of the Alaska Reads Act
- Successful implementation of Alaska's Strategic Reading Plan



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Effective Educators Committee

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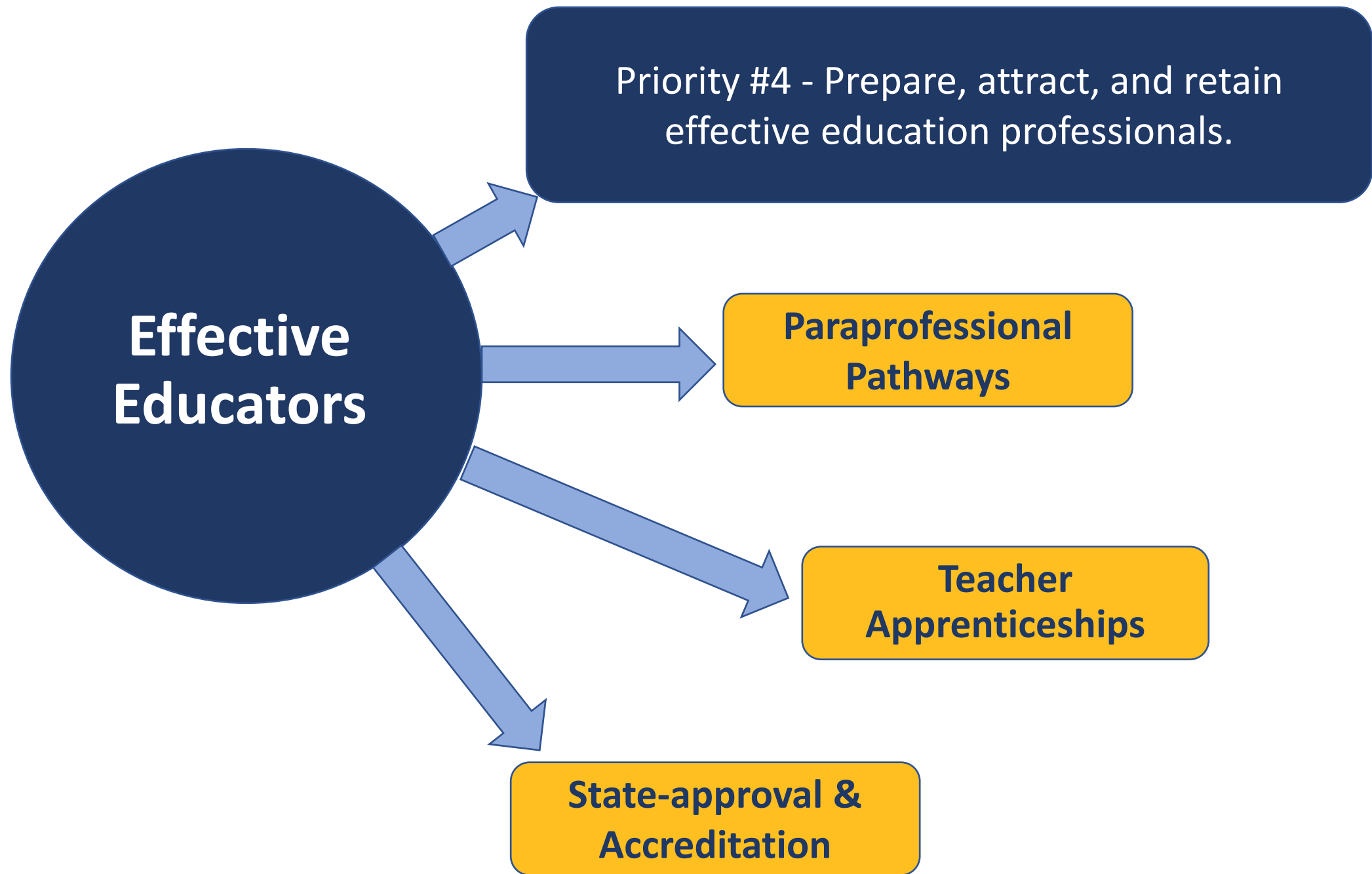
Mission and Goals

- **Mission Statement**

- In order to grow and attract effective educators, we will remove barriers and increase articulated pathways that will meet the immediate and future demands of the state's historic teacher retention and recruitment demands

- **Goals**

- Identify and Remove Barriers
- Investigate and Facilitate Paraprofessional Pathways
- Investigate and Facilitate Alternative Certification Pathways



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Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Cultural Education Committee

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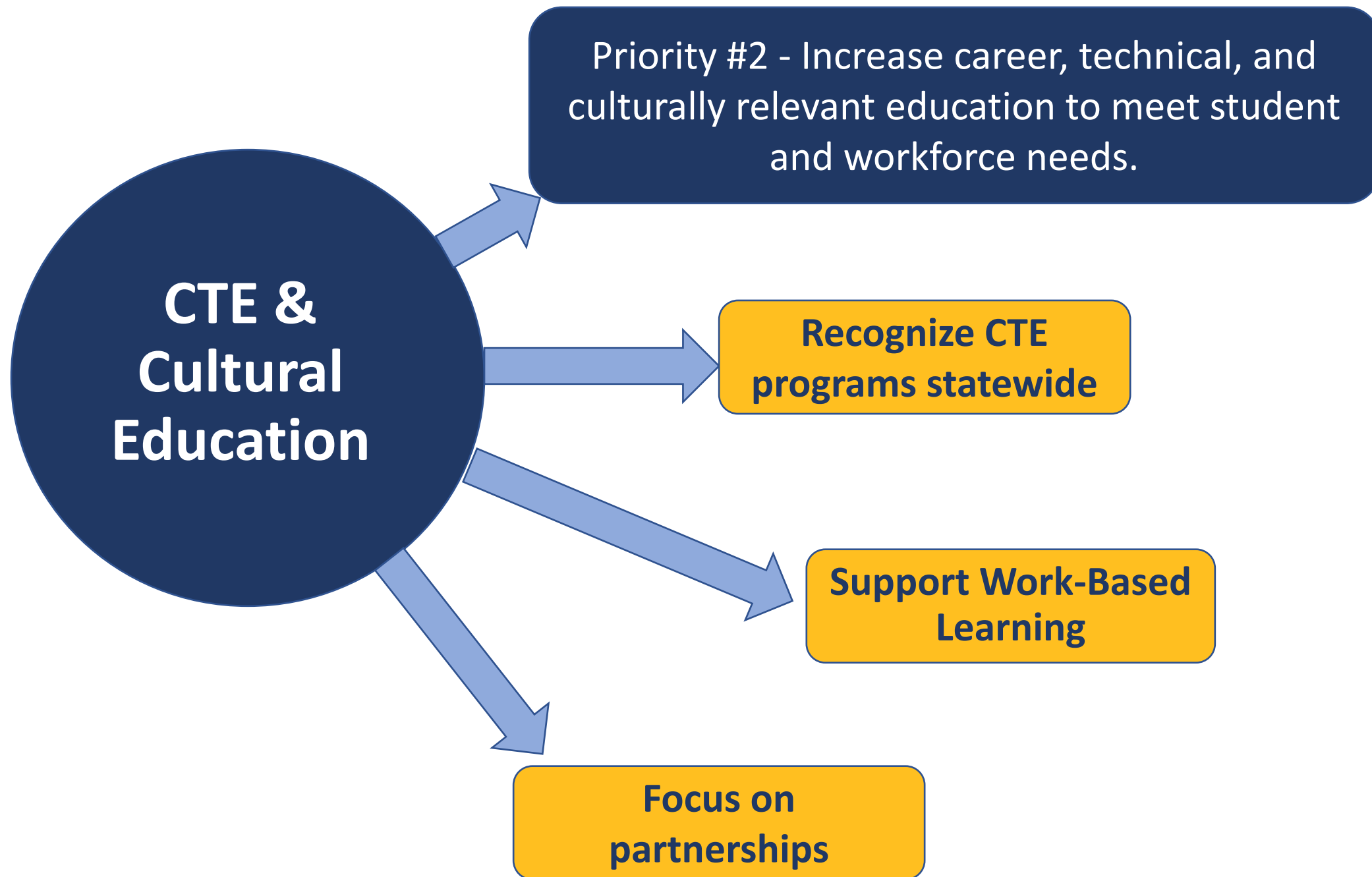
Mission and Goals

- **Mission Statement**

- Support school districts and workforce partners to cultivate the potential in our students by integrating rigorous classroom instruction with relevant, work-based experiences that inspire, guide, and empower them for post-secondary training, college, and careers

- **Goals**

- Develop awareness of CTE programs, practices, and processes in Alaska
- Explore equity issues that may exist with smaller districts.
- Connect CTE to other programs



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Safety and Well-Being Committee

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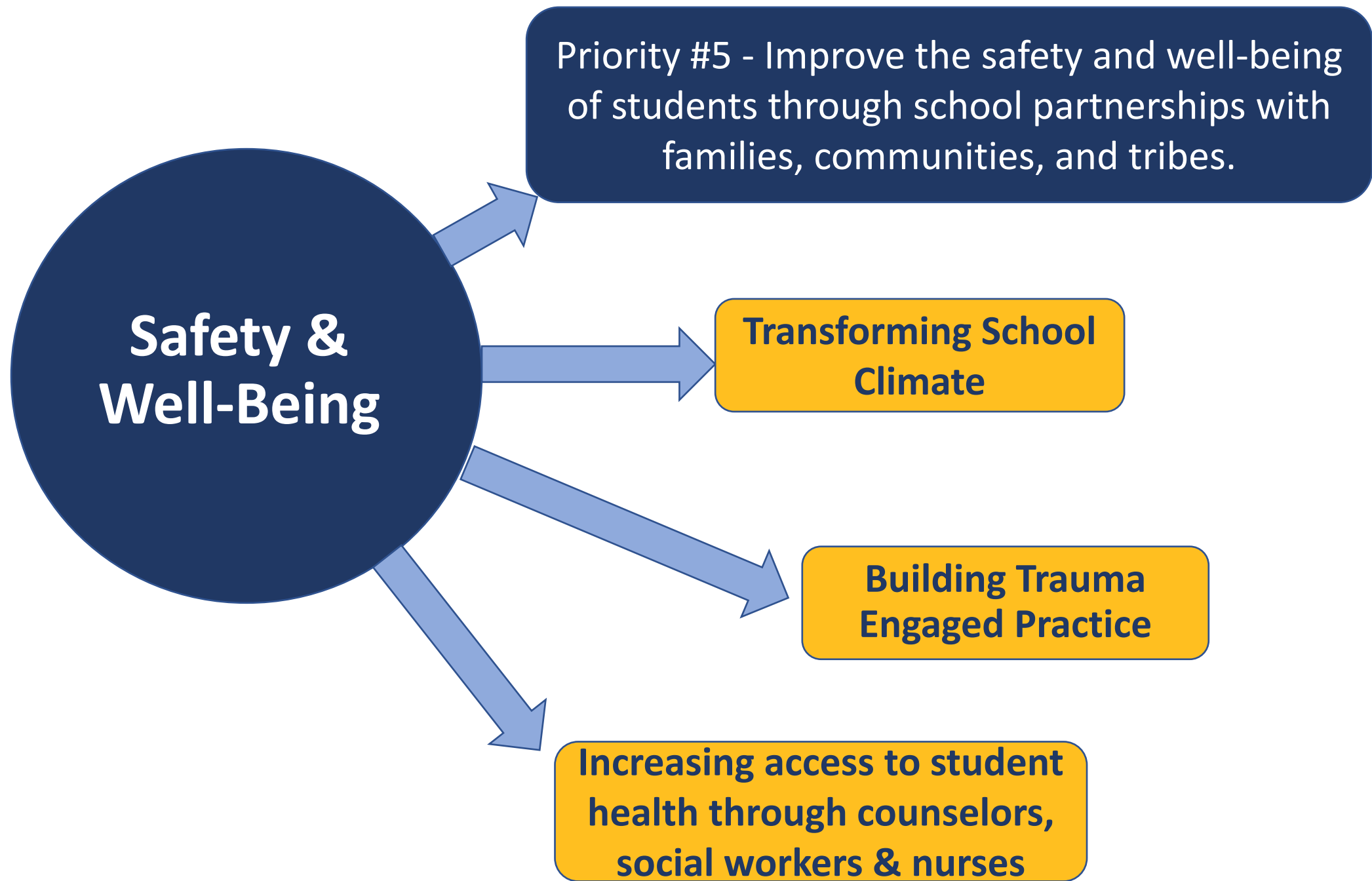
Safety and Well-Being Committee Mission Statement and Goals

- **Mission Statement**

- Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.

- **Goals**

- Increase the value of mandatory eLearning programs by improving educator engagement
- Work with teacher preparation programs to develop trauma-engaged schools framework in both programs instruction and environment
- Provide support to districts who do not have counselors, nurses & social workers



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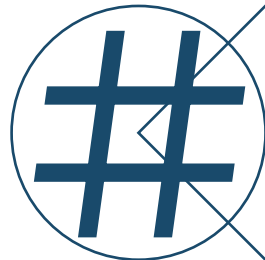
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