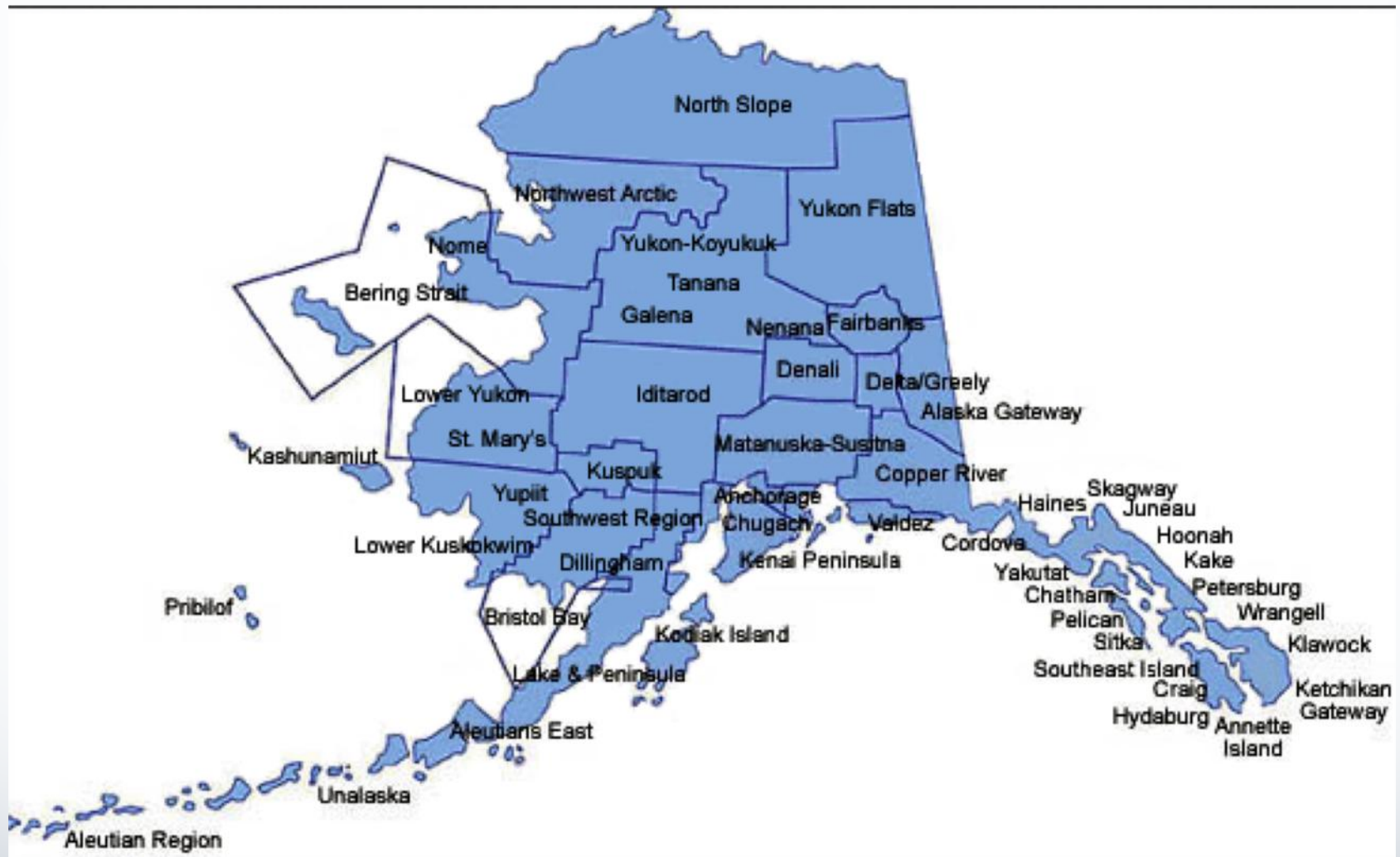


The Association of Alaska School Boards

Lon Garrison, Executive Director





52 of 54 school districts are members























We Are -

- Founded in 1954
- A 501c-3 non-profit organization representing all **school boards** in Alaska.
- Includes over 330 school board members & their superintendents from 52 of the 54 districts.



We Are -

A staff of 20 dedicated and highly skilled professionals:

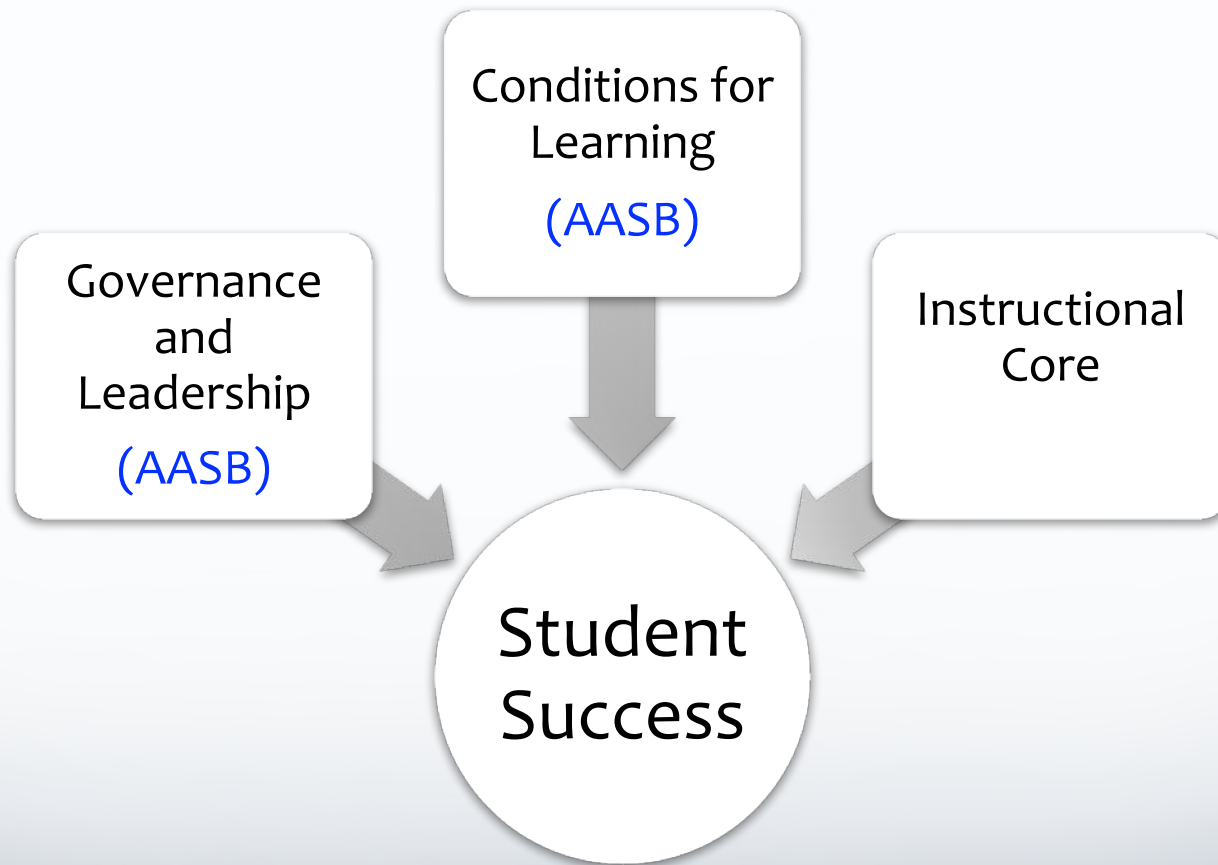
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Governed by -

- A 15 -member **Board of Directors** elected by the membership at the annual meeting each November
- **Resolutions** that establish AASB's positions on issues passed by the membership - [Where We Stand 2023](#)



Creating Conditions for Educational Success



Partnership for School Improvement – Student Achievement

- **DEED** - Instruction, professional standards, certification, assessments
- **AASB** - Governance, conditions for learning, community engagement, associated supports
- **ACSA** - administration, professional development
- **UA** – educational degree programs, post secondary opportunities, research
- **SERRC** – operational support services

A focus on Governance

School Board Development and Support

- Board Policy
- The board's role in curriculum & instruction review & approval
- The board's fiduciary responsibility - budgeting
- Strategic planning
- Board goals and self-evaluation
- Superintendent hiring and evaluation
- Advisory School Boards training
- **Charter School Governance training**

School board stability and governance is a determinant whether school staff can address the instructional core. School improvement ensures that all systems are coordinated and high functioning.

Board Aligned Services

- Legislative Advocacy
- Advisory school board trainings
- Superintendent hiring- search
- Support for data-informed decision- making
- Strategic planning
- Superintendent evaluation/ accountability
- Board self- evaluation/accountability
- Board orientation and training
- Policy (model policies, policy online service)

Board Development Opportunities

BOARDSMANSHIP ACADEMIES

Held three times a year- Fall, Winter, and Spring. Topics include:

- School Law,
- School Finance,
- Policy Development and
- Curriculum & Instruction
- issues affecting schools in Alaska.

Board Development Opportunities

Annual Conference in Anchorage

Every November:

- Largest gathering of education leaders and School Board members from ins the state.
- Conference programs feature renowned speakers and educational experts from around the globe and Alaska
- Education and Governance sectionals
- Delegate Assembly and a resolution process that gives the Association its direction.

Conditions for Learning

- Enhanced early childhood gaps
- Trauma engaged schools
- School climate (Survey and Strategies)
- Family partnership
- Youth leadership and engagement
- Culturally responsive and equity focused instruction and school improvement
- Coordinated community and school
- 21st Century Skills

Conditions for Learning

Primarily grant funded:

- US Dept. of Education - 5 grants
- AK DEED – Professional Boundaries, Trauma Informed Practices, Safe Children’s Act
- Private funders – i.e. Robert Wood Johnson and the Carnegie Foundations.

Currently 8 full-time staff are dedicated to Conditions for Learning programs and services

Aligned Resources and Services

Trauma Engaged Schools and Family Partnership:

- Consultation and Coaching
- Training and Asynchronous Learning Opportunities
- District-wide or Site-based Planning

School Climate and Connectedness

- Survey of conditions for learning and other requested measures (33)
- School Climate Strategies (Relationship Building, High Expectations)
- Youth Leadership (Statewide and Regional)
- School Safety (Professional Boundaries, Peer Safety)
- Data workshops

Aligned Resources and Services

Statewide partnership and Facilitation

- Early Childhood Strategic Direction/ Needs Assessment
- Working on Post-Secondary Mentoring Framework (ACPE)

Host dialogues and conversations

- Train the trainer on hosting dialogs
- Host dialogs on community priorities, boarding school experience, equity, family partnership

Wrap around or Specialized Grants (can strategically partner to focus on an area of improvement)

- STEPS AK (Southeast Alaska)
- Kayuli (Lower Yukon)
- CRESEL (7 districts statewide)

Associated Support

- Designed to support instruction – partnership & collaboration
- Comprehensive district technology support service that grows staff and infrastructure capacity
- Professional Development that addresses the district goals and strategic plan implementation
- Professional development for school system and DEED staff regarding governance and conditions for learning
- Professional support for executive administrative assistants and maintenance employees

Examples of CFL Programs

Transforming Schools: Trauma Engaged Schools (AASB & DEED)

<https://aasb.org/transformingschools/>

Stronger Together: The Power of Family

School Climate and Connectedness

www.aasb.org/schoolclimate

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