

# Alaska's Mining Industry





# Industry Growth

- 200 jobs in the next 2-3 years
- 2,000 jobs in the next decade
- Average wages for mining occupations approaching \$100,000
- Regional impact (rural areas)
- Statewide economy boost

# Skill Requirements

- Hands on skills (CTE)
- STEM skills and knowledge
- Employability skills/Soft skills

# Role of Education

- Skill development
- Behavioral development:  
attendance, YES, substance abuse
- Career guidance and planning for  
students
- Business/Industry partnerships



# Models

- Tech-prep initiative
- Mat-Su schools
- Bethel (Y-K centralized CTE)
- UAS distance-delivered intro to mining program