

Alaska State Senate – Education Committee

Informational Hearing - Discussions & Presentations On:
“The Common Core and Alaska’s Academic Standards”
Temporary LIO, 733 West 4th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska, Room 105

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

8:30 A.M. Senator Gary Stevens, Chair, Senate Education Committee
Call To Order, Introduction/Opening Remarks

8:35 A.M. Chris Minnich, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers
“History, Context & Current Implementation of Core standards”
Pam Goins, Director of Education Policy, Council of State Governments
“Common Core State Standards: An Overview of Policy Conditions in the States”
Kathleen Porter-Magee, Bernard Lee Schwartz Policy Fellow, Thomas B. Fordham Institute
“The State of State Standards and the Common Core”

10:30 A.M. Dr. Sandra Stotsky, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Arkansas, Dept. of Education Reform
“Why Alaska Needs Internationally Comparable (Benchmarked) ELA Standards”
Dr. James Milgram, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University, Dept. of Mathematics
“Comments on the Common Core - Math Standards”

12:00 P.M. Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education & Early Education (DEED)
Dr. Susan McCauley, Director of Teaching & Learning Support, DEED
“Development & Overview of the Alaska’s Academic Standards”

2:00 P.M. Jim Merriner, Chair, Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development
“Mission Statement & Adoption Efforts of Alaska’s Academic Standards”

2:30 P.M. Dr. Dana Thomas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Univ. of Alaska – Statewide System
“Vetting Alaska’s Academic Standards: How They Address Remediation and the Gap
Between Alaska’s Secondary and Postsecondary Education Systems”
Dr. Diane Hirshberg, Director, Center for Alaska Education Policy Research, ISER, UAA
“Results of the Alaska Content Standards Validity Study”

3:15 P.M. Ed Graff, Superintendent, Anchorage School District (ASD)
Dr. Darla Jones, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, ASD
Pete Lewis, Superintendent, Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) School District
Melanie Hadaway, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, FNSB School District
Peggy Cowan, Superintendent, North Slope Borough School District
Dr. Lisa Skiles Parady, Asst. Superintendent, North Slope Borough School District
“Implementation Efforts & Considerations at the District Level”

4:30 P.M. Sunni Hiltz, President, Association of Alaska School Boards
Norm Wooten, Member, Kodiak Island School Board
“Position Statement & Implementation of Alaska’s Standards at the Local Level”

5:30 P.M. Recess to the following day

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8:30 A.M. Dan Sullivan, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage
“Results of the 2011-2012 Education Summit”

8:45 A.M. Representatives of NEA-Alaska
Tim Parker, English Language Arts Teacher, Fairbanks Lathrop High School
Chris Benshoof, Mathematics Teacher, Fairbanks Lathrop High School
Rebecca Gerik, English Language Arts Teacher, Anchorage South High School
Denise Lisac, Elementary Reading Specialist, Dillingham Elementary School
Mary Janis, Kindergarten, Anchorage Orion Elementary School
Cheryl Romatz, 3rd Grade Teacher, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School
Laura Nevada, 2nd Grade Inclusion Teacher, Anchorage Bayshore Elementary School
“Position Statements & Implementation Efforts in the Classroom”

10:00 A.M. Juan San Miguel, President-Elect, Alaska State PTA
Candy Jo Bracken, Chair, Education Committee, Alaska State PTA
“Position Statement & Implementation Efforts Amongst AK-PTA”

10:30 A.M. Daniel G. Thatcher, JD, Senior Policy Specialist - Education Program, NCSL
“Legislative Role in Implementing College & Career Readiness Standards”
Michelle Exstrom, Director, Education Program, NCSL
“Teacher Impact & Data Collections”
Lauren Heintz, Research Analyst, NCSL
“Common Core Assessments”

12:00 P.M. Break for Lunch

1:00 P.M. Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education & Early Education (DEED)
“Overview of Alaska’s Data Collection and Assessments”

1:30 PM Carly Williams, Palmer High School, Jr. Class President, SBEED Rep. 2013-14
Ariel Hasse, Mat-Su Career & Tech. High School, Student Body President, AASG President
Kobe Rizk, West Valley High School, Fairbanks, Freshman Class President, SBEEP Rep. 2014-15
“Student Perspectives on Alaska’s Academic Standards”

2:15 P.M. Public Comment

4:15 P.M. Roundtable Discussion, Q&A
Prior Testifiers May Be Called Upon

5:00 P.M. Adjourn