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OUR MISSION

**An excellent education
for every student
every day.**

OUR VISION

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

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Purpose

DEED exists to provide **information, resources, and leadership** to support an excellent education for every student every day.



Alaska's Education Challenge



· An Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day ·

Timeline

September 2016
State Board of Education Establishes Strategic Priorities

April 2017
Alaska's Education Challenge Kick-Off

January 2018
Alaska's Education Challenge Final Report Issued

January 2019
Alaska's Education Challenge Strategic Plan Published

October 2019
DEED Awarded \$21M Federal Literacy Development Grant

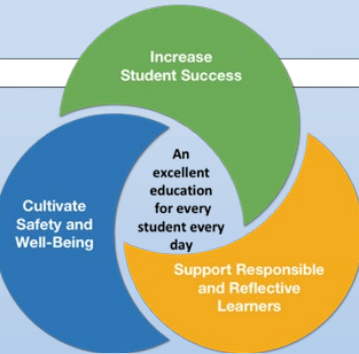


Alaska's Education Challenge by the Numbers

5 state board
strategic priorities

18,000 ideas from
Alaskans in 109
communities

100 diverse
Alaskans served on
5 committees



3 shared commitments

13 committee
recommendations



5 measurable goals



How will we meet Alaska's Education Challenge?



Shared Commitments



Measurable Goals



Targeted Priorities and Strategies



Goal 1

Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade

Goal 2

Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs

Goal 3

Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources

Goal 4

Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals

Goal 5

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

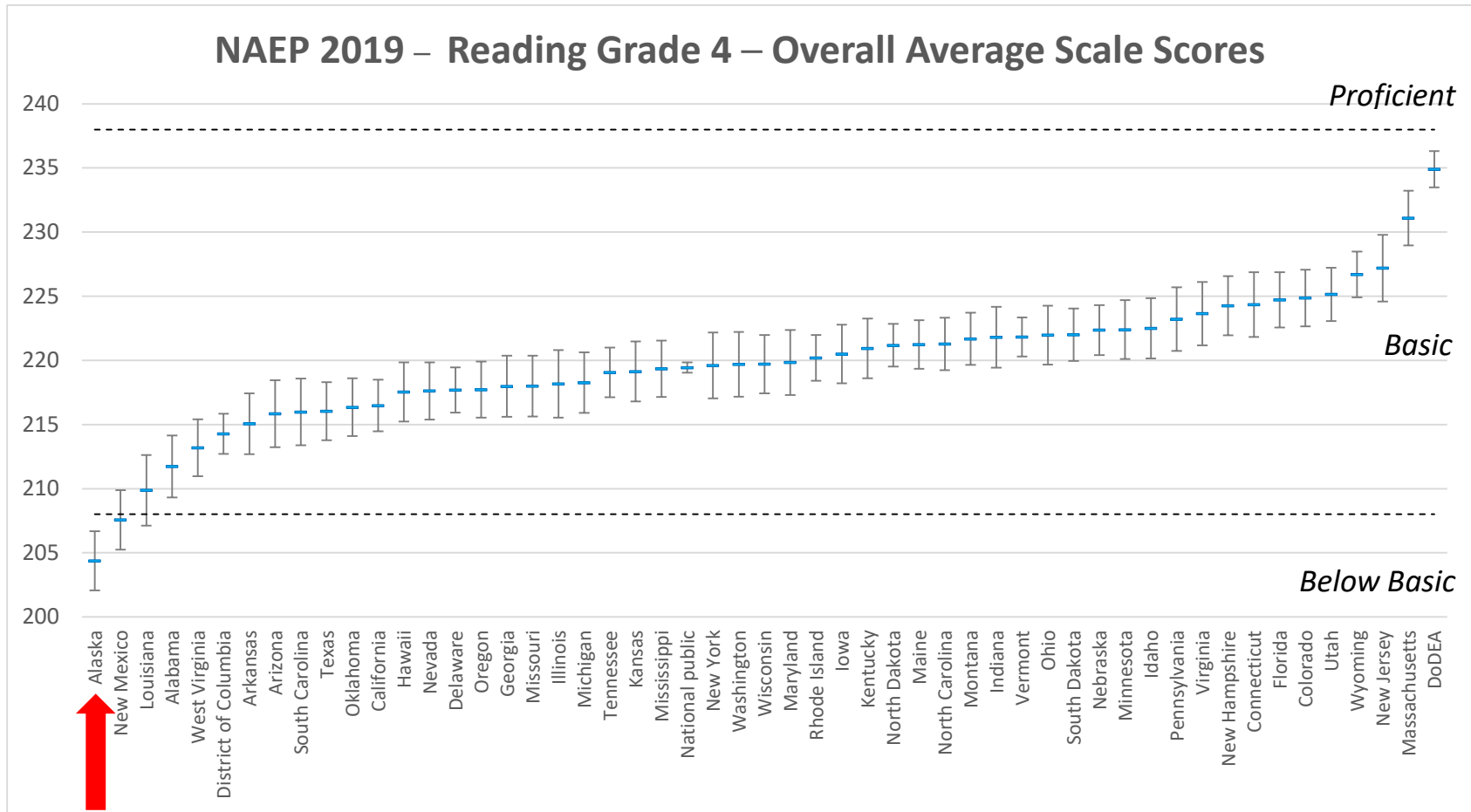


Goal 1: 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency

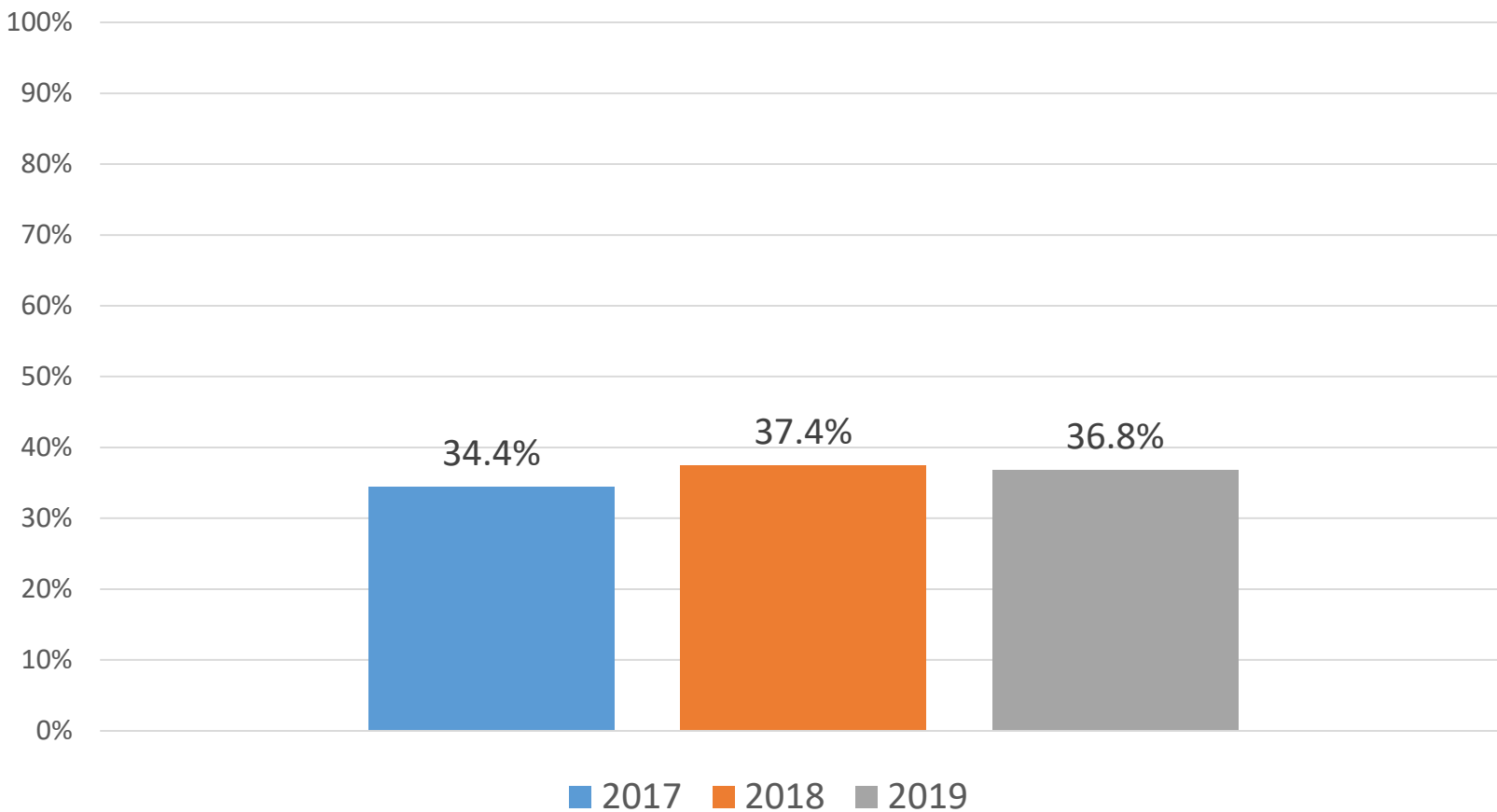
“The students that do not read proficiently by third grade fall further and further behind. As their peers use reading skills to acquire new skills, these students remain on square one.”

- Alaska Legislative Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Dyslexia: Final Report, March 2019

Grade 4 Reading: Alaska vs. Nation



2017-2019 ELA Proficiency: Grade 3



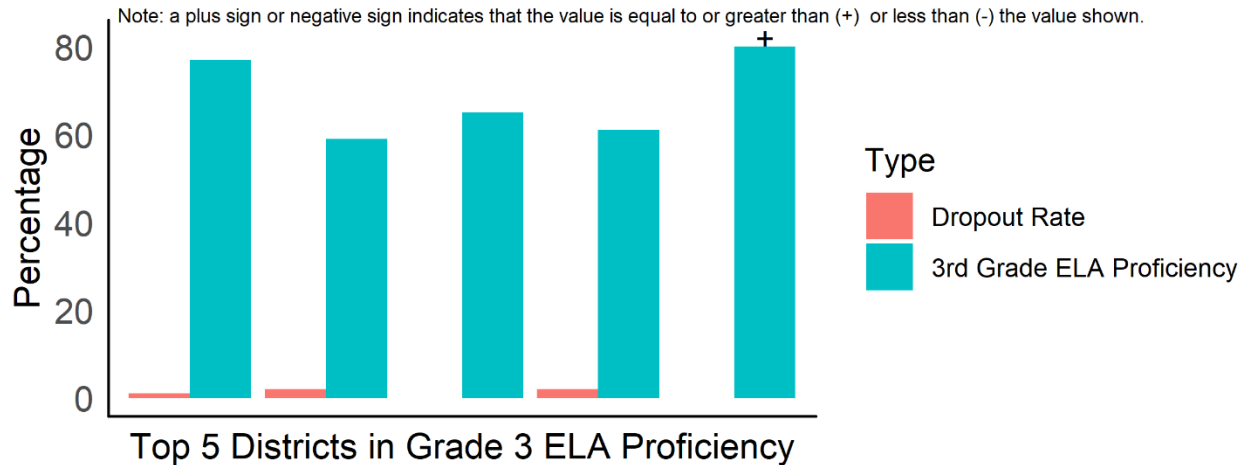
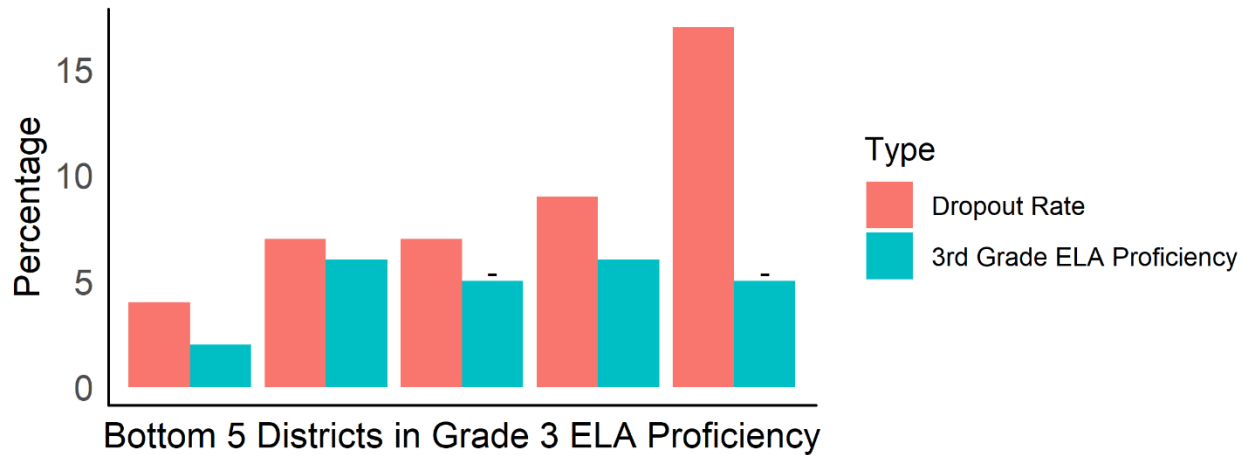
Not Proficient Grade 3 Students in ELA from 2017-2019



**73% of grade 3 students that were not proficient in ELA in 2017
were still not proficient in grade 5 in ELA in 2019.**



Dropout Rate vs. ELA Proficiency





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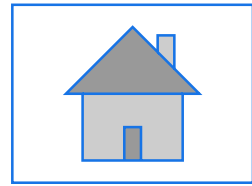




Three Main Components:

- 1) High-Quality Statewide Pre-K Opportunity
- 2) Comprehensive K-3 Reading Policy
- 3) School Improvement





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Ensuring #akreads is key to improving student outcomes and quality of life

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