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DEED Launches Dashboard for Alaska K-12 Education COVID Relief Funding

JUNEAU – Wednesday the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) launched a new webpage and dashboards to show how COVID relief funds for education in Alaska are being utilized and provided an overview to the State Board of Education and Early Development during a work session.

Beginning with the CARES Act in March 2020, Congress passed three COVID relief bills, which included funds for educational institutions to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, Congress allocated Alaska more than \$620 million for education. The [Alaska K-12 Education COVID-19 Federal Relief Funding Dashboard](#) includes information on funding for individual districts, DEED, the Office of the Governor, and non-public schools. Information on the dashboard includes award amounts and expenditures, timelines of funding availability, and project descriptions.

“The large amount of COVID relief funds represent an enormous opportunity for Alaska’s public schools. With that opportunity comes great responsibility to make sure every penny benefits students,” Commissioner Michael Johnson said. “This dashboard increases transparency and facilitates the conversations among parents, policy makers, school boards, and local schools needed to ensure funds are used wisely for the benefit of Alaska’s students.”

During the Board’s business meeting, the State Board approved its annual report to the legislature, approved Janell Andrews as Executive Secretary, and approved Kollette Schroeder as Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

The Board’s next meeting will be a regular quarterly meeting scheduled for March 1-2, 2022. The meeting is planned to be in-person in Juneau.

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