



FLY-IN PREPARATION

In preparation for the 2nd 2018 Fly-In March 24-27, please come prepared to share your district story with legislators. That story should include data about your graduation rate, attendance, drop-out rate, etc. Data that shows improvement over the last several years is helpful. You will want to highlight any innovative programs and highlights of your students. Do not be shy about telling of the challenges your district is facing with flat funding. That might include increased class sizes, fewer teachers, loss of art and music or electives. You best know what you have had to eliminate from your programs.

Out of the like sized forums during the February Fly-In the following legislative priorities were agreed upon and used by board members in their legislative visits:

- Ensure Alaska's future by investing in public education funding.**
- Provide a culturally responsive education for every student, every day.**
- Support Trauma-Informed Practices for Whole-Child and Whole-School approaches that build positive outcomes.**
- Deliver equitable access to educational infrastructure for every student.**
- Prepare students entering school to be ready to learn.**
- Increase recruitment and training of highly qualified teachers.**

I would suggest you select no more than three of the these priorities that are most important to your district and work with your team to build your talking points. And remember, it's most effective to insert your talking points into a district story.

In addition I encourage you to be prepared to respond to questions from Legislators about what your district is doing to protect students. In light of the recent school shooting tragedy in Florida this topic is on policy makers minds across the United States. I'm almost certain you will be asked and you should be prepared to respond.