School Year 2019-2020 Update

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Who we are...

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ASDN provides Alaskan educators with multiple pathways to refine instructional practice and maintain certification:

- Established in 1983
- Serve over **3,500** Alaskan educators annually
- Offer flexible access to professional learning
  - Online, blended, self-paced and face-to-face options
- Provide content across the curriculum
- Enhance the PD continuum offered internally by districts
- Bring additional resources to school districts through grant partnerships
What we’re excited about for the 2019-2020 school year
Designed to provide early career principals with:

- Professional Learning
- Networking
- Mentoring
Professional Learning Design –

● Face-to-Face Meetings
  ○ Alaska Principals Conference (October)
  ○ RTI/MTSS Effective Instruction Conference (January), and
  ○ Alaska School Leadership Institute (May)

● Online learning to keep cohort connected
  ○ mix of webinars and AkPLN online discussion

● Structured monthly mentoring - how, not what

● Instructional Leaders are Gary Whiteley and Lexie Domaradzki, RELNW

● Collaboration with the Superintendent Leadership Program lead by Sean Dusek
Why Should You Support Your Principals To Join?

- Learn to foster a school culture with a **focus on student learning**.
- **Mentoring** support from an Alaska-based, seasoned principal.
- **Connect to a network** of new principals across the state.
- **Ongoing professional learning** focused on the dispositions and tools early career principals need.
- Learn **strategies to communicate effectively** with staff and navigate difficult conversations.
- Explore **how to use school data** for continuous improvement.
How New Principals Can Apply

- Program information and link to the application on ASDN, ACSA and AASSP websites.
- Principal Applicants need to submit a Declaration of Support from their Superintendent.
- Applications open until September 15, 2019. Cohort will be 25.

www.asdn.org/alaska-school-leadership-academy/
Alaska has joined 32 other states in expanding access to computer science in 2019.

- In June, the Alaska State Board of Education adopted computer science standards
- DEED has provided guidance on allowing computer science to count as a graduation requirement.
New Computer Science Standards – Adopted by State Board 6/10/19

“The new computer science standards...create a unified foundation for school districts with existing programs and for those that choose to develop programs.”
Current state regulations allow school districts with the flexibility to **utilize computer science courses to meet high school graduation requirements**. Districts may choose to allow a computer science course (including AP) to fulfill:

- A credit requirement in **mathematics**
- A credit requirement in **science**
- A local **elective** requirement
- A local **CTE or technology** requirement
Code.org provides the leading open source K12 computer science curriculum, with highly rated professional learning.

Code.org partners with 180+ of the largest school districts in the US to add CS to the curriculum.

The Code.org curriculum meets the new *Alaska Computer Science Standards*. 
- Held **20 curriculum workshops**
- Trained **289 educators**, representing **137 schools** and **34 out of 54 school districts**
- Established **district partnerships** with Alaska Gateway, Mat-Su, Yukon-Koyuk and Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Districts to embed Code.org model in their schools
“I was pretty nervous and worried that I would be embarrassed by my lack of knowledge. This training was amazing and not at all what I thought it would be like! The training provided me with the opportunity and the time to explore coding as curriculum for my students.”
What you can do now with little or no cost:

- Encourage participation in the December 2019 ‘Alaska Week of Code’/ Hour of Code
- Start conversations about understanding the CS Standards
- **ASDN can arrange free or low-cost PD from trained Alaskan Code.org facilitators.**
  a. Schedule a one-day PD for grade K-6 teachers
  b. Identify grade 6-12 teachers for summer 2020 PD.

Contact Cheryl Bobo
Alaska State Code.org Program Manager
We bring accessible, national-caliber PK-12 professional learning to your district:

- Online and blended learning
- Face-to-face professional learning events
- Alaska Professional Learning Network (AkPLN) platform
- Affordable professional learning opportunities, with optional college credit
UPCOMING WEBINARS

ALL LEARNING IS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL
with Doug Fisher, Nancy Frey and Dominique Smith.
October 08 and 29, November 05.
December 17 and 18.
3:45-5:45 p.m. Event is free and open to all educators. To learn more visit learning.com/community/events.

BEGIN WITH THE BRAIN: DISCOVERING "BRAIN-FRIENDLY" STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
with Martha Kaufeldt
October 22, November 12 and 19, December 16.
3:45-5:45 p.m. Event is free and open to all educators. To learn more visit learning.com/community/events.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS’ MATHEMATICAL REASONING WITH THE MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES (GRADES K-12)
with Jennifer Bay-Williams. October 09 and 30, November 13, and December 04.
3:45-5:45 p.m. Event is free and open to all educators. To learn more visit learning.com/community/events.

TOUGH KIDS: RESEARCH-BASED TIER 2 AND 3 BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS
with Karl Schleich.
October 10, 17 and 24, November 07, 14 and 21. All webinars are from 3:45-5:45 p.m. Details and registration coming soon.

UPCOMING INSTITUTES

COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES WITH FATHER MICHAEL OLEKSA OCTOBER 2019
October 2, 4 & 5 – BP Energy Center, Anchorage, with online follow up work due by November 26, 2019. Join the Rev. Dr. Michael Oleksa, a leader in the development of cross-cultural communication in Alaska and student of Native cultures for Communicating Across Cultures, a ...
• **No cost** to Alaskan school districts
• Tool can be used to:
  - Take classes for professional credit
  - Research effective teaching practices
  - Collaborate with professional peers
  - Create online professional learning networks (PLNs)
• 25% of Alaskan educators have a user account

• In 2019, there were 850 active users, user base is 45% from rural and remote AK school districts

• More than 96% of surveyed teachers agreed or strongly agreed that AkPLN positively impacted their teaching

Contact Tammy Morris
AkPLN Program Manager
RTI / MTSS Effective Instruction Conference:

- Largest ed conference in AK, with 14% of all AK teachers in attendance in 2019
- Hosts national experts in effective instruction across the content areas.
- 2020 Keynote theme: *All Learning is Social and Emotional* by Doug Fisher and Dominique Smith
www.asdn.org
ASDN Network Reps Program

We work for you and we need to know what your professional learning needs are so that we can serve you.

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Superintendent Survey
Name/District____________________

1 - Who is new?
Name and School of New Principal(s), contact information (if known)

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Would you recommend them for the Alaska School Leadership Academy?_________________

Name of Retired principal who would be a good principal mentor_____________________

2 - Who is responsible for professional learning?
Name of Alaska Staff Development Network (ASDN) Network Representative(s) for your district

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3 - District Computer Science contact:
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Do you want Cheryl Bobo to contact re: Code.org opportunities?_____