Alaska School Leadership Academy

This unique program is designed to provide early career principals with a collegial cohort that is engaged in networking, skill building and mutual support across the state.

Why Join?

• Foster or build a culture in your school community with a focus on student learning.

• Find support with an Alaska-based, seasoned principal who will serve as your professional mentor.

• Connect to a network of new principals across the state.

• Participate in ongoing professional learning that is focused on the dispositions and tools early career principals need.

• Learn strategies to communicate effectively with your staff and navigate difficult conversations.

• Explore how to use school data for continuous improvement.

Program Design

As a participant in the program you will have face-to-face and online opportunities to work with trained facilitators, mentors and other principals. This program goes deeper than traditional sit-and-get professional development because it:

1. is job embedded — activities and professional learning are immediately applicable to your individual school,

2. sets aside the time you need for reflection and planning,

3. connects you to a diverse group of principals and districts, and

4. is based on the latest research, delivered by school leaders with years of experience working in Alaska.
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PERSONALIZED MENTORING
Each cohort member will be paired with an Alaska-based, seasoned principal who will serve as your professional mentor. Required bi-monthly one-hour interactions will focus on themes of leadership and problems of practice. The role of the mentor is not to tell you what to do, but to support your professional growth in how to best accomplish your school and district goals.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS
Program participants are required to take part in three face-to-face meetings throughout the year. Gary Whiteley and Lexie Domaradzki will lead this professional learning.

Alaska Principals' Conference - Oct. 24-28, 2019 Anchorage
- Thinking and Acting Interdependently and Ways of Talking
- Communicating to Understand and Influence

RTI/MTSS Effective Instruction Conference – January 24-26, 2020 Anchorage
- Effective Teaming to Support Improved Student Learning
- Using Data for Innovation and Improvement
- Increasing Capacity for Data-Based Decision Making

Alaska School Leadership Institute (ASLI) – May 27-29, 2020 Anchorage
- Activating Dispositions: Planning Forward to Next Year
- Applying the Dispositions to the Work of the School

BLENDDED LEARNING
Short activities will take place online every month to keep the cohort learning community connected throughout the school year.

Webinars Three required webinars throughout the year will be provided to participants by Gary Whiteley, Lexie Domaradzki and Hella Bel Hadj Amor.
- September - Jump Start Your School Year – Considerations for Planning the First Faculty Meeting of the New Year & How to Structure Meetings for Success
- November - Thinking and Acting Interdependently and Ways of Talking – Follow Up & Problem of Practice
- February Project ECHO Session - Using Data Follow Up & Problem of Practice

Book Study and Discussion Group on Alaska Professional Learning Network (AkPLN)
Participants will participate in monthly facilitated discussions on the book Dispositions of Leadership using the AkPLN Network.

BECOME a MEMBER of the PRINCIPAL COHORT:
Go to the Alaska Staff Development Network (ASDN) website at www.asdn.org, review the program requirements and fill out the application form. The direct link to the application is: https://bit.ly/2M78KnJ. Please note that your superintendent will need to provide a declaration of support for the application.