



# MECAC 2020-21

Thursday, January 28, 2021



# Welcome

Honoring Dena'ina Land



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Good Things
- Work Group Breakouts
- Announcements
- Launch



# Meeting Dates

- ~~Monday, October 19, 2020~~
- ~~Thursday, November 19, 2020~~
- Thursday, January 28, 2021
- Thursday, February 25, 2021
- Thursday, April 8, 2021
- Thursday, May 27, 2021





# MECAC & Equity



# MECAC Mission

The district's Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) works to ensure equity for all students by providing input directly to the Superintendent on relevant issues that impact student achievement, including but not limited to:

- parent involvement
- community relations
- curriculum adoption and implementation
- cultural competence
- equity and other instructional concerns



# Work Group Ideas

With equity in mind, what workgroups can better compliment and further the work being done? You chose:

1. ASD Policy
- ~~2. Family Wellness, Partnerships, & Engagement~~
3. Community Engagement & Resources
4. Community Member Recruitment



# Work Groups

Policy	Community Engagement & Resources	Community Member Recruitment
Andrew Ball	Doreen Brown	Katie Bisson
Tara Devlin	Paula Perry Edwards	Vonnie Gaither
Tina Johnson-Harris	Christine Garbe	Jane Heisel
Lakhita Hodge	Aline Hopkins	David Mayo-Kiely
Kathy Moffitt	Jennie Knutson	Kimberely Miller
Donte Powell	Lisa LoSordo-Santo	Minoo Minaei
Sean Prince	Natalie Morton	Afshan Mohammad
	Betsy Paskvan	Janeen Wilkins
	Tarlesha Wayne	





# Expectations

- Creation of a Problem Statement
- Creation of two solutions for each work group



# What is a problem statement?

Adapted from an article by Alan Bryman in the *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*: A problem is a statement about an area of concern, a condition to be improved upon, a difficulty to be eliminated, or a troubling question that exists in theory or in practice that points to the need for meaningful understanding and deliberate investigation.



# Elements of a problem statement

Key elements of an effective problem statement include:

- **Gap:** Identify the gap (pain) that exists today.
- **Timeframe, location and trend:** Describe when and where the problem was first observed and what kind of trend it is following.
- **Impact:** Quantify the gap (cost, time, quality, environmental, personal, etc.)
- **Importance:** To the organization, the individual, etc. to better understand the urgency.



# Community Member Recruitment

## Problem:

Lack of non-ASD community member involvement.

## Why:

MECAC is a place for open dialogue between and with ASD Administration about ASD's overall goal of providing an equitable education to all. MECAC can be a forum for respectful discussion about how we best educate all of our students.

## Solutions:

- ✓ Community group engagement
- ✓ Social Media





# Workgroup Breakouts





# Announcements

- ✓ COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
- ✓ Graduation Regalia
- ✓ Community Announcements



# Launch

