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MECAC Breakout Session on the Budget:

Recommendations:

- Work smarter not harder by using lessons learned from other districts that have already experienced the results of inadequate funding.
- Consider the diversity of the school population and geographic make-up of a district.
- State is holding our students hostage
- Use great city schools data to explore what other districts have done to reach same achievements with less- Learn from other districts failures and successes.
- Collaborate with other Alaska school districts.
- Educate community and legislators with data (other districts in the U.S.) to support request for increased funding.

Increasing Revenue:

- Get a diverse student initiative group to go to Juneau to state the districts case, mobilize
 - Student voice = power
- Students, teachers, parents, community members alike- STAND UP

Community Involvement:

- Get media presentations, discussions, perspectives, ect. to highlight the work done and the state of our district; Prove the research
- How should spending be prioritized?
- Student need
- Alignment of resources to curriculum
- Community Input (Forums giving input to the district)
- Impact of how each dollar spent effects students.