# State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development

# LEA Maintenance of Equity Plan

To support school district (local educational agency (LEA)) compliance with Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act, the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has:

* Determined which school districts were automatically excepted from the requirement and calculated initial “high-poverty schools” determination for the school districts not automatically excepted;
* On November 18, 2021, sponsored a webinar presentation by Brunstein & Manasevit, PLLC on MOEquity for the 17 school districts not automatically excepted from the requirement;
* On December 3, 2021, gave a MOEquity presentation to Alaska’s Superintendents;
* On December 7, 2021, gave a MOEquity presentation as part of the annual [ALASBO](https://www.alasbo.org/?msclkid=9d3f5362ac8b11ecbfa57e867d24d339) conference;
* On February 16, 2022, sent school district Superintendents and Business Managers a request to submit exceptions if applicable and a reminder that school districts should contact DEED for assistance if they would like to update DEED’s initial “high-poverty schools” determinations; and,
* Periodically included reminders in the ESEA weekly newsletter to school districts.

Going forward, DEED will:

* Continue to offer technical assistance to any school district that shows a need.
* Require non-excepted districts to sign a certification that they are actively monitoring their compliance with MOEquity requirements ([MOEquity Assurances](https://education.alaska.gov/Media/Default/covid/assurances/MOEquity%20Assurances.docx)).
* Within 30 days of receipt of completed PPE data for each non-exempt district, a DEED COVID team member will review to determine compliance with MOEquity requirements and contact the district to determine necessary adjustments to come into compliance. Districts will be required to inform DEED of the adjustment done to come into compliance, no later than June 1st, 2023.