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DEED Launches Website to Support Student Learning in Response to COVID-19

JUNEAU – In response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor Mike Dunleavy announced March 16 through March 27 will be non-student contact days in Alaska's K-12 public schools to allow a period of planning and preparation for district personnel. Educators across Alaska are currently preparing for possible distance delivery of instruction – a feat that will create unique challenges, and a situation for which Alaskan educators and school leaders will need support. The education of our students can and must continue.

In an effort to provide information, resources, and leadership to support educators during this challenging time, the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) launched a Teaching and Learning Support website. The goal of the website is to provide Alaska's educators and families with relevant resources as they prepare for possible school closures related to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. The site will continue to evolve and grow over the coming days and weeks.

DEED invites educators to contribute feedback, ideas, and resources through the site's submission form so DEED can share the good work of many educators, parents, and partner organizations statewide as we face this unprecedented challenge together.

For the latest information on COVID-19 relating to schools, please follow DEED on social media at @AlaskaDEED and visit our website at education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease.

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development provides information, resources, and leadership to support over 130,000 students in 503 public schools across Alaska. The mission of the department is to ensure an "Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day."

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