



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** State Board of Education & Early Development  
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# Division of Alyeska Reading Institute 2024 Board Report

The Division of Alyeska Reading Institute is dedicated to providing an excellent education for every student every day by focusing efforts on the first priority of the [Alaska Education Challenge](#) and the Alaska Reads Act.

- The collaborative efforts of the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and Alyeska Reading Institute (ARI) strive to empower Alaska districts in implementing the Alaska Reads Act.
- ARI exhibits nimble and flexible planning, continuously monitoring the evolving needs of Alaska school districts.

The ARI Board Report includes highlights of work that supports districts with the Alaska Education Challenge and Alaska Reads Act priorities.

## AK Challenge Priority #1:

Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade

### Alyeska Reading Institute

- **ARI State-Wide High-Impact Tutoring Implementation**
  - Hired 11 teachers from across the state to provide after-school tutoring for K-2 students who have a reading deficiency and scored well-below on a universal reading screener.
  - 120 students receive tutoring four days a week in 30-minute sessions and progress monitoring on Fridays.
  - ARI staff created guidance documents to support tutors and families.
    - [ARI Tutoring: Parent Guide](#)
    - [ARI Tutoring Checklist](#)
    - [ARI Boost Reading Information](#)
  
- **Professional Development for Phonics to Reading**
  - Purchased teacher manuals to provide to the educators who attended an in-person training with Anita Archer.
  - Provided for-credit opportunities for attendees of the Phonics for Reading training.
  - Provided \$90,000.00 in travel grants to more than 200 educators.
  
- **mCLASS Interventions and Reading Boost Licenses and Professional Development:**
  - Delivered over 500 mCLASS teacher kits to 23 districts.
  - Provided professional development for the implementation of mCLASS interventions and Reading Boost.
  
- **Summer School Grants for Districts**
  - Provide districts with grants to implement the required 20 hours for non-progression third grade students.
  
- **Summer School Tutoring Through ARI**
  - Offer high-dosage virtual tutoring sessions throughout the summer to support students requiring 20 additional hours of tutoring to progress to fourth grade.
  - Provide high-dosage virtual tutoring sessions for K-2 students scoring well-below on mCLASS DIBELS assessments.