

NEA-Alaska Resolution #R-06:

“NEA-Alaska believes that in order to meet the needs of Alaska’s students, all education stakeholders must work toward common student-centered goals. NEA-Alaska supports the Alaska State Board of Education’s and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development’s commitments to increase student success, support responsible and reflective learners, and cultivate safety and well-being of both students and educators.”

| Increase Student Success | Support Responsible and Reflective Learners | Cultivate Safety and Well-Being |
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| <p>We believe student success must be the focus of every school, classroom, and administrative decision. In order to grow as learners, students need a wide range of academic opportunities. Learning begins well before students enter kindergarten, and students benefit from academic support from pre-K through post-secondary.</p> <p>Assessment is more complex than a single test, and we welcome the conversation and dialogue concerning assessment literacy and specifically how to best use assessment to improve student learning.</p> | <p>We believe that students should be reflective about their own learning, taking responsibility for their academic success. As educators, we are encouraged by the growing discussion around developing reflective learners. Reflective learners know why they are pursuing academics, they know what they want to produce, and they know when they have succeeded. Students learn best when they know their own culture and schools must embrace and celebrate the diversity.</p> <p>In order to develop reflective learners, we must have reflective educators working in our schools. When educators are given the autonomy to pursue excellence in their own path of professional development, they can find the tools they need to support the unique students with whom they work.</p> | <p>We believe students can be successful when they feel physically, culturally, and intellectually safe. Every school directly reflects its community. Mental health, nursing, and counseling needs must be addressed in partnership with families to best meet the needs of the whole child.</p> <p>The educators who work in schools must also feel culturally, intellectually, and physically safe in order to provide the best possible education for Alaska’s children.</p> <p>Alaska educators know that trauma is an everyday reality for many of Alaska’s students.</p> |

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