Recent education reforms, such as No Child Left Behind and Title I revisions, may necessitate Alaska Districts to consider forms of distance learning to meet federal law. What models of distance learning are effective in addressing such issues as supplemental services, highly qualified staff, and/or increasing low performing student achievement as measured by standardized tests?

ASTE is proud to offer a one-day workshop dedicated to exploring effective models of distance learning to Alaska school leaders, federal programs and technology directors. This workshop features distance educators from around the world sharing their insights and experiences creating effective models for distance learning. These models include distance learning for low performing students in math and literacy, native students creating learning communities through web pages, training para-professionals, corporate sponsored international collaborations, cultural exchanges and media literacy through digital storytelling, video-conferencing in the classroom, and others.

Come prepared to learn, share your experiences, and participate in discussions. Participants will evaluate effective models for Alaskan schools that increase student learning, enhance professional development for teachers and para-professionals and build learning communities through distance technology.

Goals:
1) Network educators studying distance learning around the world
2) Connect Alaska leaders to a variety of distance learning concepts
3) Provide school leaders opportunities to explore solutions for NCLB/Title I
4) Share effective models and design concepts for distance learning
5) Provide resources for future collaborations
6) Share knowledge between AK tele-medicine and tele-education projects

Invited Speakers:
Dr. Jason Ohler, Author, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, AK
Geoff Turrell, Director, Athena Project, Birmingham, England
Lauren Apiki, Executive Director, LET Academy, Manoa, HI
John Deutsch, Vice President, Smart Kids Foundation, Calgary, Canada
Alan November, Renaissance Learning, Boston, MA
Mike Griffith, Director, Global Leap, London, England
Bill Wiecking / Alan Nakagawa, Wireless Bus Project, Waimea, HI
Christine Crooks, Distance Education Course Designer, Juneau, AK
Chick Beckley / John Concilus, Technology Directors, Bering Strait School District
Dr. Curt Madison, Director, Center for Distance Learning, Fairbanks, AK
Rebecca Madison, Former Chairwoman, AFHCAN Steering Board, Bethel, AK
Dr. Teresa Derrickson, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage

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Goals/Rules for the Workshop / Implications for NCLB and Title I
Mark Standley, Workshop Co-producer

Setting the Stage: Distance Learning and the Digital Landscape
Jason Ohler, University of Alaska,

Video Conferencing in the Classroom Project: Another Continent’s Perspective
Mike Griffith, Director, Global Leap, (invited)
London, England (via videoconference)

Low Performing Student Achievement in Numeracy/Literacy by Video
Geoff Turrell, Athena Project (model UK federal program) (invited)
Birmingham, England (via video conference)

Empowering Students with Technology: Asking the Right Questions
Alan November, Author, Consultant, Presenter (invited)
Marblehead, MA (via audio conference)

Native Students Learning through Websites:
Native Hawaiians Using Science, Local Knowledge/Culture, and HTML
Lauren Apiki, Executive Director and Co-Founder, LET Academy
Oahu, Hawaii

Smart Kids Learning Through Distance Technology
John Deutsch, Vice President, Smart Technology Foundation
Calgary, Canada

Effective Models of Distance Learning
Dr. Curt Madison, Director, Center for Distance Learning, UAF
University of Alaska, Fairbanks

What Can Educators Learn from Alaska’s Tele-Medicine Projects?
Rebecca Madison, Former Chairperson, AFHCAN Steering Board,

Building Learning Community through Digital Storytelling
Sharing Whaling Cultures in Alaska and Hawaii via video
Chick Beckley, John Concilus, Bering Strait School District
Alan Nakagawa, Bill Wiecking, Waimea Schools, Hawaii

Design Elements in Professional Learning over Time and Space
in ASDN, University, and District Online Courses
Christine Crooks, Consultant, Juneau, AK

Keeping it Simple: Practical Multimedia Tools for Online Instruction
Dr. Teresa Derrickson, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage

Framework for Creating Effective Distance Learning Events
Workshop Participants: small group, shared activity

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