

AASB's 2026 Annual Conference - Registration Open!

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AASB's 73rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE & Youth Leadership Institute

November 5-8, 2026 • Anchorage

Registration is Now Open!

Join us this November for AASB's 73rd Annual Conference in Anchorage – **November 5-8, 2026!** As Alaska's largest gathering of education policymakers, the conference provides school board members with opportunities to learn from experts, connect with peers, and enhance board-superintendent collaboration.

This year's program includes expert keynote speakers, roundtables, like-sized district forums, shared meals, and over 15 breakout sessions on timely education topics. Plus, the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) returns, bringing high school students together to build leadership skills and inspire change in their schools and communities.

New Venue! This year, all conference sessions will be held at the **William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center** ([555 W 5th Ave, Downtown Anchorage](#)). This new location provides expanded meeting space and greater accessibility to fulfill our mission to serve Alaska's students and communities.



Friday Keynote Speaker: **Rebecca Winthrop**

Rebecca Winthrop is a globally recognized leader in education and a Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University.

Saturday Keynote Speaker Details Coming Soon!

Registration Info

Early Bird Sale for Main Conference registration ends Friday, October 9!

For questions or assistance, please contact us at aasb@aasb.org.

Youth Leadership Institute - \$550

Thursday, November 5 - Sunday, November 8

Hosted at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage, students will spend 4 days with peers and guest speakers from across Alaska. This year's theme, "Coming Together for Alaska's Students," will empower youth to use their voices to be change-makers in their schools and communities. Engaging breakout sessions with speakers and school board members enable conversations at a level unique to Youth Leadership Institute.

Pre-Conference Add-On Sessions

Experienced Board Member Academy - \$220

Partnering with Families to Help Students Learn, Feel, & Live Better

Thursday, November 5

This year's Experienced Board Member Academy will focus on student engagement and strengthening family-school partnerships. Rebecca Winthrop, professor and author at the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution, will lead a conversation about how to help students meaningfully connect with learning.

Ready, Set, Govern! - \$140

For New Board Members

Thursday, November 5

Ready, Set, Govern!, designed for new school board members, is structured to help them better understand and feel more comfortable in their role, as well as connect with school board members from around the state. Input from school board members this past year is being used to develop this year's agenda.