

**TO: ALL SISD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
& THEIR TEACHERS**



RE: Youth Advocacy Institute and Legislative Fly-In

The Southeast Island School District Board of Education wishes to invite interested secondary students (grades 9 - 12) to apply for the 2024 Youth Advocacy Institute and Legislative Fly-In.

This unique opportunity for high school students from across Alaska, convenes in Juneau to learn advocacy skills, share views on the building blocks for student success, and learn more about the legislative inner workings. Participants will learn how a bill becomes a law, discuss key legislative issues influencing education this year, and participate in mock testimony. February 12 and February 13 are committed to meeting with legislators, alongside school board members.

Students must be available to travel to Juneau from February 9 - 13, 2024.

To apply, please send the following items by email to Chris Page Haufe (cpage@sisd.org) with the subject: *Youth Advocacy Institute and Legislative Fly-in*

Application materials must be emailed by **Monday, January 15th**.

Applications must include:

1. Application letter stating why you want to attend the Youth Advocacy Institute and Legislative Fly-in.
2. Letters of support from:
 - a. one of your teachers **and**
 - b. your parent or guardian.

The SISD School Board will review all applications on January 17, 2023. The students selected to attend the 2024 Youth Advocacy Institute will be selected at the regular January Board meeting. The Board of Education may conduct interviews in a work session prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,
SISD Board of Education