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## On-site board training for SE Island SD

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Hello Loren and Heidi,

This is Lon Garrison with AASB. I wanted to reach out to you and your board and inquire if you are considering any on-site board development this fall or winter? On-site workshops can be a very cost-effective way for boards to receive pertinent, relevant and customized board training. Boards can also benefit greatly from the experience of a facilitated board self-evaluation and annual goal setting session. As a former school board member I always felt that the time the board spent at these on-site workshops was some of the best investment we could make for our district and in particular our students. Following is a list of the many different topics:

- Board self-evaluation (facilitated)
- · Board self-improvement
- · Setting board/district goals for the coming year goals for the coming year
- · Board & Superintendent roles and responsibilities
- · Advisory School Board roles & responsibilities
- · The superintendent evaluation and process
- · Open Meetings Act
- · Conducting effective board meetings using Roberts Rules of order
- Budgeting Establishing and understanding your budget process
- · Budgeting Understanding your budget reports
- The board's role in standards, curriculum, and instructional material review and adoption.
- · Your Fiduciary Responsibility
- The importance of board policy & by laws (including a review of the board's existing bylaws)
- The board's role in using data to drive decisions
- Embracing community engagement

In addition to these topics, AASB also offers services related to strategic planning, digital and personalized learning, community and/or family engagement and the School Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS).

In the coming months we have several opportunities for board members, superintendents, maintenance employees, and executive administrative assistants to obtain relevant and important professional development at the several conferences listed below (visit http://www.aasb.org/training/):

- Sept 17-18, Fall Boardsmanship Academy, Fairbanks
- Oct 19-20, Maintenance Employees Conference, Anchorage
- Nov 10-13, AASB Annual Conference, Anchorage Hilton
- Dec 8-9 Executive Administrative Assistant Workshop, Anchorage
- Dec 9-10 Winter Boardsmanship Academy, Anchorage
- January 27-28 Charter School Principal and APC conference, Anchorage

The calendar for board workshops are filling up quickly, so if you are considering this option I urge you to contact us as soon as possible. I hope the start of your school year is successful, your staff is energized and your board is ready to tackle the year ahead. I hope to hear from you very soon!

Best regards, Lon Garrison School Improvement Coordinator Assoc. of Alaska School Boards Igarrison@aasb.org 907-463-1666