

## Leadership/Legislative Fly In & Youth Advocacy Institute

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#### YOUTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE (YAI)

February 10th and 11th

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 2, 2018**

*Registration Fee: \$280 per person (Please Note: A 5% service fee will be added to all credit card payments)*

*Students will join their Board Members for the Legislative Fly-In on February 13th and 14th*

This year's Youth Advocacy Institute will bring young people together from across the state to develop and practice skills that will support a strong Youth Voice in their school and community. Students will become familiar with the Alaska State Legislative process and current legislation impacting their education, while learning how to have a voice in the process. Participants also have the opportunity to connect with peers from across the state and participate in conversations with their district's board members around current education legislation.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

High school students, **especially sophomores and juniors**, who want to:

- Build and practice leadership
- Enhance their knowledge and communication skills in their school and community,
- Advocate for their school and district (with local school board members), and
- Learn about other cultures and communities.

To strengthen youth advocacy skills throughout the State, districts are strongly encouraged to send a student(s) who have not yet attended an AASB Youth Leadership Event.

*Please note:* In order for students to attend the 2018 Youth Advocacy Institute (YAI), at least one board member or the district superintendent must attend the entire Legislative Fly-In. YAI attendees must also have a designated chaperone (this may be a board member or superintendent) who will be responsible for them outside of YAI sessions).

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#### **Additional YAI information:**

- YAI is open to students in grades 9-12 and is **limited to 35 students**. Sophomores and Juniors are strongly encouraged to apply.
- For multi-site districts: a maximum of six students may attend, with no more than two students per high school.
- For single site districts: a maximum of two students may attend