

Hello Superintendents and Board Presidents,

AASB has teamed up with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and NEA-Alaska to offer in-depth **Interest Based Bargaining** training this January. This training is not for the faint of heart – it is three days long – January 28, 29, and 30, 2020. If your district currently uses or is considering a collaborative bargaining approach or you want to expand your bargaining skills (regardless of the style of bargaining), this will be an excellent **FREE** training opportunity.

FMCS Commissioner Ligia Velazquez from Seattle will be heading up the training. Through a series of presentations, exercises, and activities, participants will learn how to translate positions into issues, share information, identify possible options that satisfy the needs of both parties and learn to develop criteria to assess options. The program is also designed to outline the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes that you need to facilitate an interest based problem solving meeting. This includes information on adult learning, working styles, how to organize and run a meeting, and basic facilitation techniques. The training also provides activities that will give you an opportunity to acquire and develop skills related to planning and running effective meetings.

We know that cost is always a consideration in these fiscally challenging times AND you read it right, FMCS is providing this training at **NO COST** (your tax dollars are hard at work). The training will be in Anchorage so the cost of travel and lodging would be up to each district. Details on the training location will be shared once finalized. If you have any questions please call Norm, Timi or Lon at 907-463-1660. AASB will have a registration open the week of Nov. 11th.

The other exciting training we are offering is our newly added **School Law day** as part of our Winter Academy. The Winter Academy will be held Dec. 6 & 7, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Anchorage. The School Law Day draft agenda is attached but will focus on ***The Business of Student Education in Alaska***. Many different lawyers, as well as Commissioner Johnson will present on Friday. Saturday's sessions will focus on issues including students in poverty, and the teacher shortage in Alaska. That agenda is still not complete. The registration for the Winter Academy will also open right after the annual conference.

We are constantly trying to add benefit to membership in AASB and hope both of these days be seen as such.

Thanks,

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Winter Academy 2019
FIRST EVER School Law Day
 Friday Dec. 6, 2019
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Anchorage AK

The Business of Student Education in Alaska

7:45-8:45 a.m.	Registration	
8:45-9:00 a.m.	Welcome, Introduction to day and Housekeeping	AASB Board President, Mike Swain and John Sedor
9:00-9:45 a.m.	The Business of Union Business- The Janus Case and It's Aftermath	Allen Clendaniel, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi LLC and Mike Wenstrup, Attorney, NEA-Alaska
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Students: Safety in Schools and SRO's	Clint Champion, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi LLC
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. 11:30	The Business of Health – How Health Insurance Works in School Districts	Curt Hebert, Marsh McClellon
11:30-12:15 p.m.	Students: When the Supreme Court Speaks about Students, District's Listen	Saul Friedman, Attorney, Jermain, Dunnagain & Owens
12:15-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1:30-2:15 p.m.	The Business of Superintendent Contracts – Negotiating for the Top Spot	John Sedor, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi LLC
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Students: The Law of Special Needs – IDEA and 504	Lea Filippi, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi LLC
3:00 p.m.	BREAK	
3:15-4:20 p.m.	Tying It All Together - Business as (Un)usual: Student Education in Alaska in 2019	DEED Commissioner Michael Johnson and John Sedor
4:20-4:30 p.m.	Wrap up and Evaluations	AASB