

Action steps and accomplishments to date include:

1. Develop a comprehensive health and safety plan that uses the expertise of parents, communities, tribal organizations, social and civic organizations, state agencies, and school districts.
 - A group of Alaskans from schools, communities and agencies will meet on September 18 to take the recommendations from previous meetings and begin the development of the comprehensive plan. This plan will be designed around a Coordinated School Health Model and is anticipated to be completed by June 2010.

2. Implement health and wellness programs that improve students' sense of well-being and address substance abuse, suicide, sex education, bullying, Internet safety, mental and physical health, and personal safety.
 - The Alaska School Wellness Institute (to be held in Anchorage on October 7-9, 2009) will provide professional development opportunities for professionals working in Alaska schools.

3. Implement nutrition and physical education programs to ensure that students develop patterns of lifelong healthy behaviors.
 - Alaska Physical Education Standards are under development – Alaska educators met in June 2009 and will meet again in August 2009 to finalize a DRAFT document of Alaska PE Standards that will be presented for a wider review in fall 2009 and presented at the October 23-24 Alaska AKAHPERD Conference in Wasilla.

4. Ensure that students, staff and community members are provided safe and secure schools.
 - EED is working with the Department of Health & Social Services to prepare schools for appropriate responses to pandemic outbreaks.