



Teacher Retention and Recruitment Playbook

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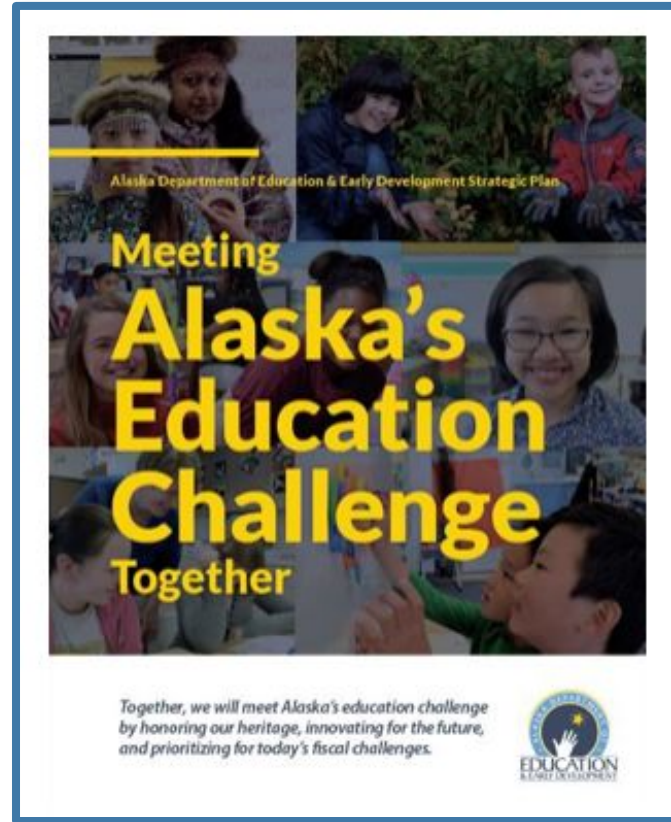
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DEED Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Alaska's Education Challenge



Five Shared Strategic Priorities:

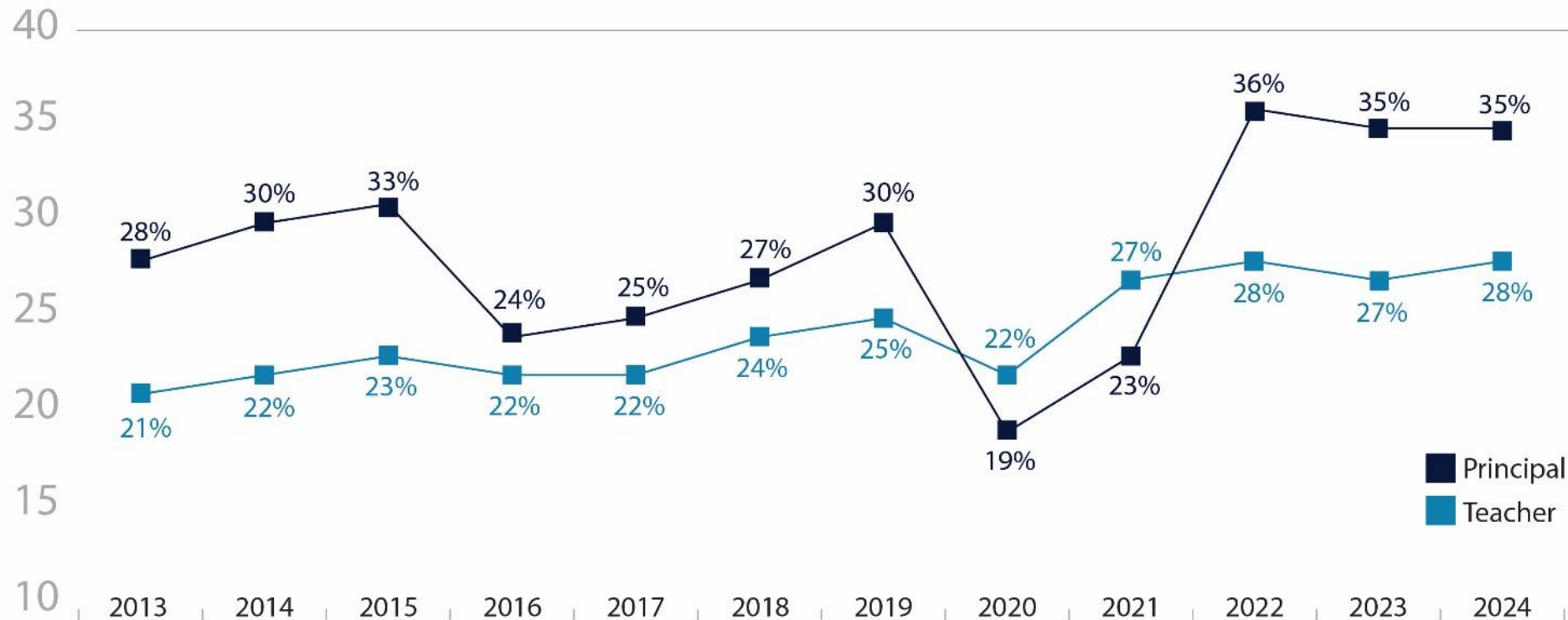
1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.

Strategic Priority 4

Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.

Alaska Teacher Turnover & Data Trends

Trends in Teacher and Principal Turnover | 2013-2024



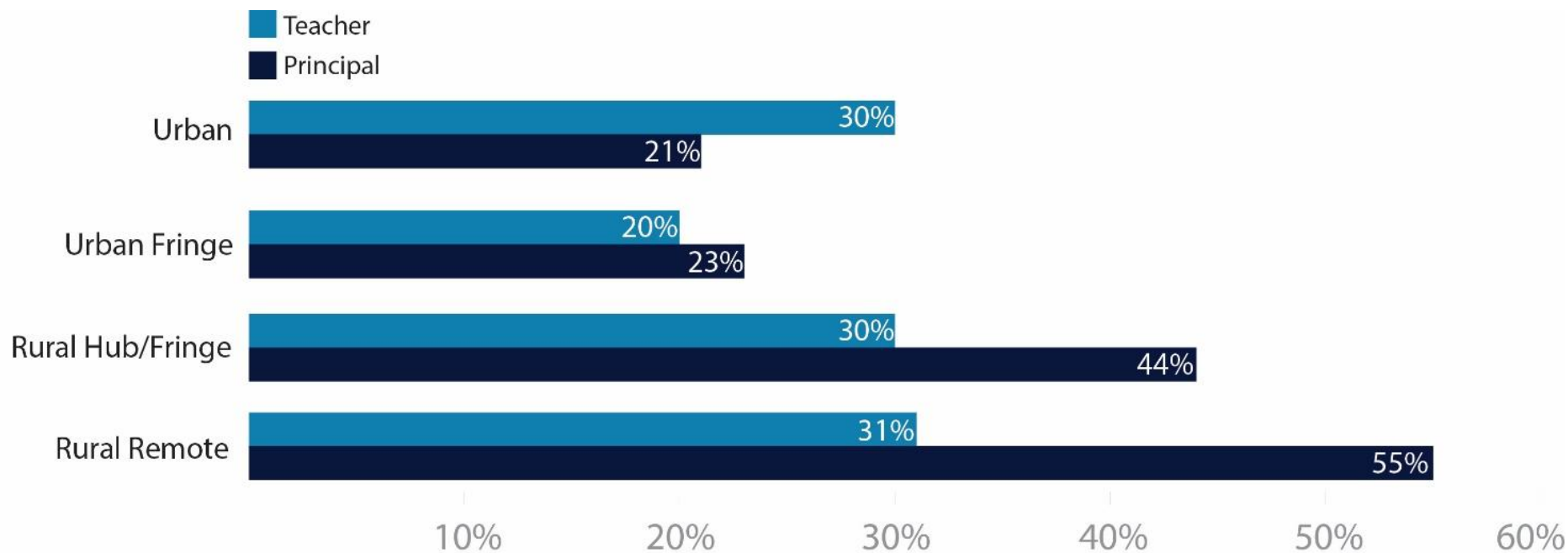
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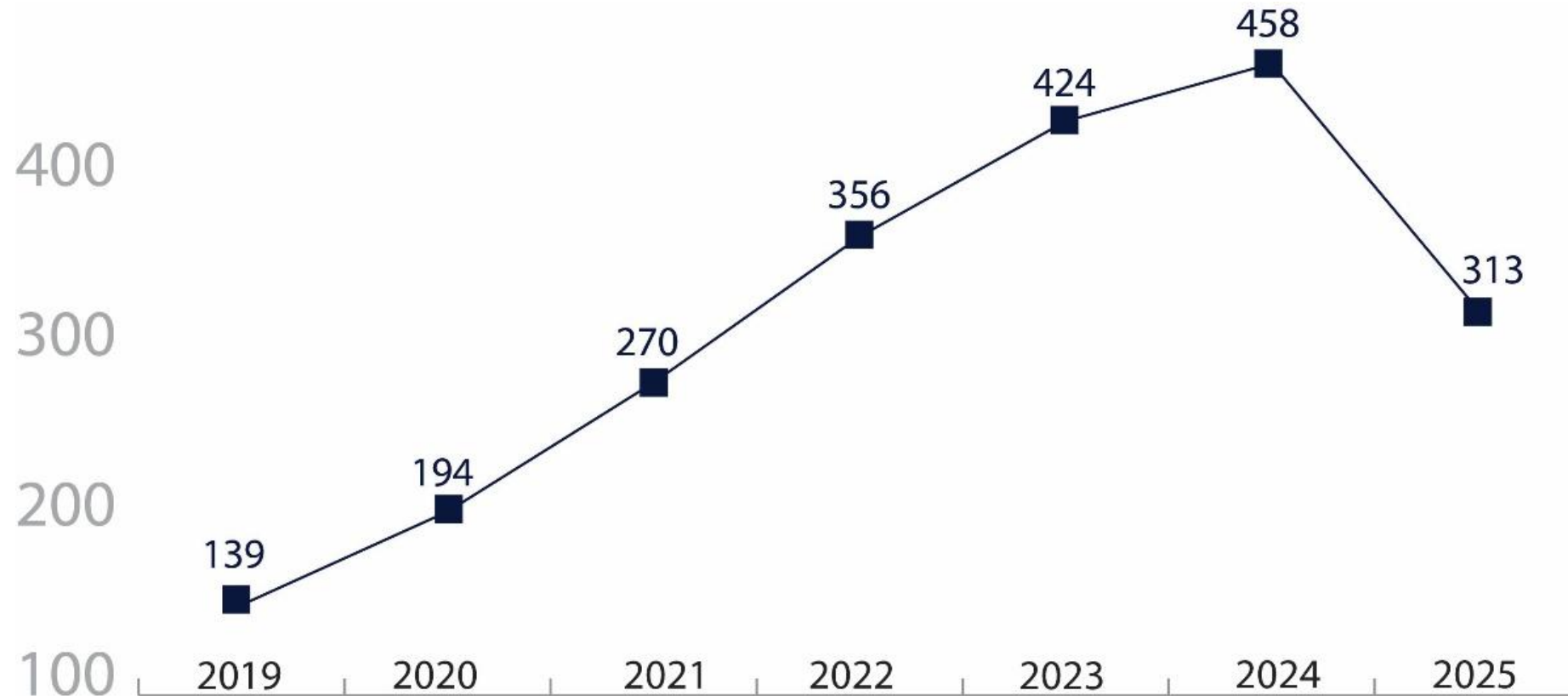
Teacher and Principal Turnover by School Locale | 2024



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First Day Teacher Vacancies

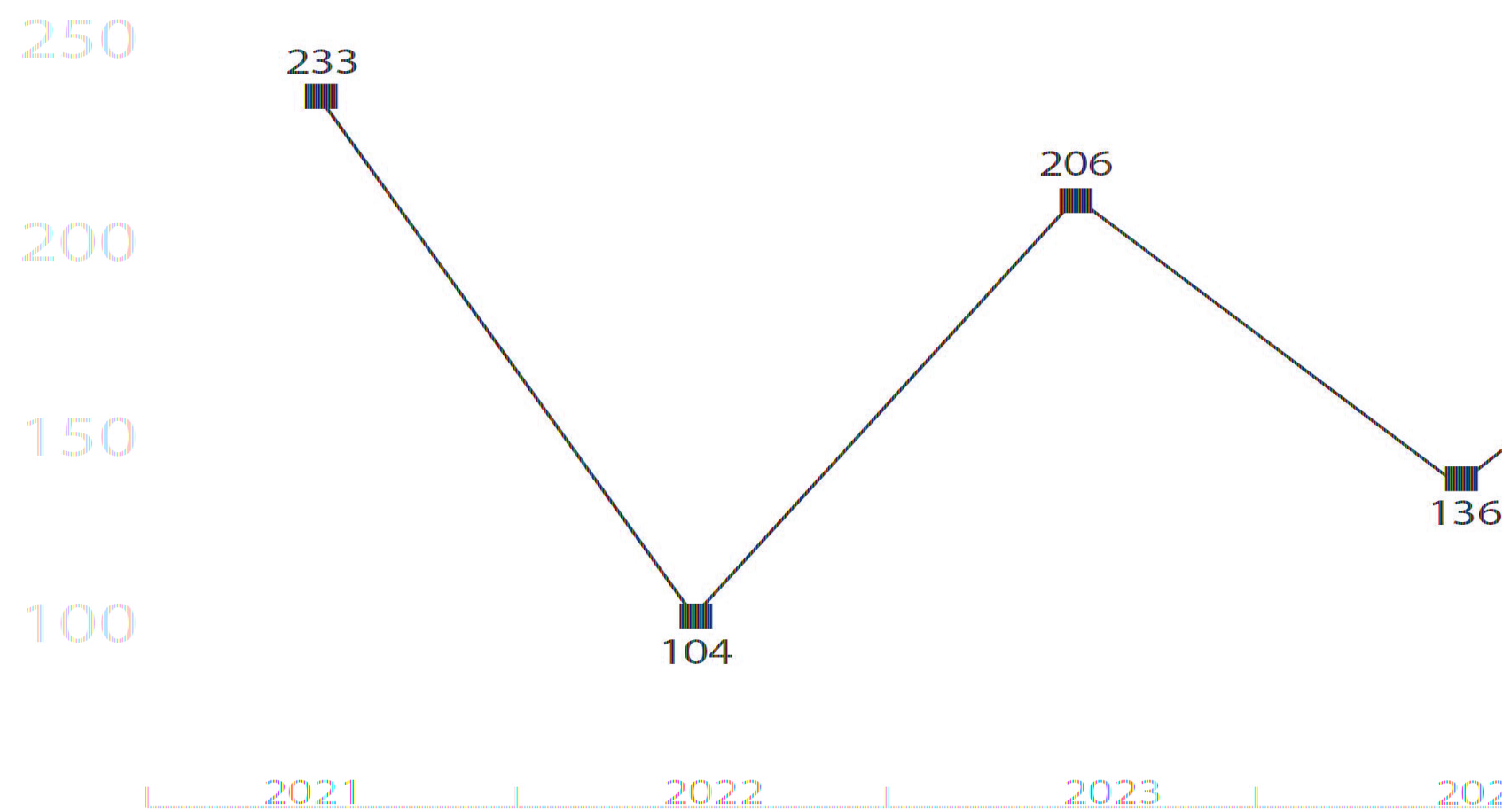
FTE / 2019-2025



Source: District Fall Staff Accounting Report – Total of 6,765 Teachers
Reference: SBOE Report to Legislature, page 42.

Emergency Certified Teacher Count

FTE | 2021-2025



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Educators Serving on Work Visas

Alaska's schools continue to benefit from the contributions of internationally recruited educators who help districts fill positions that would otherwise remain vacant.



Source: District Fall Staff Accounting Report



Alaska Teacher Retention and Recruitment (TRR) Efforts

TRR Timeline

AK ED Challenge

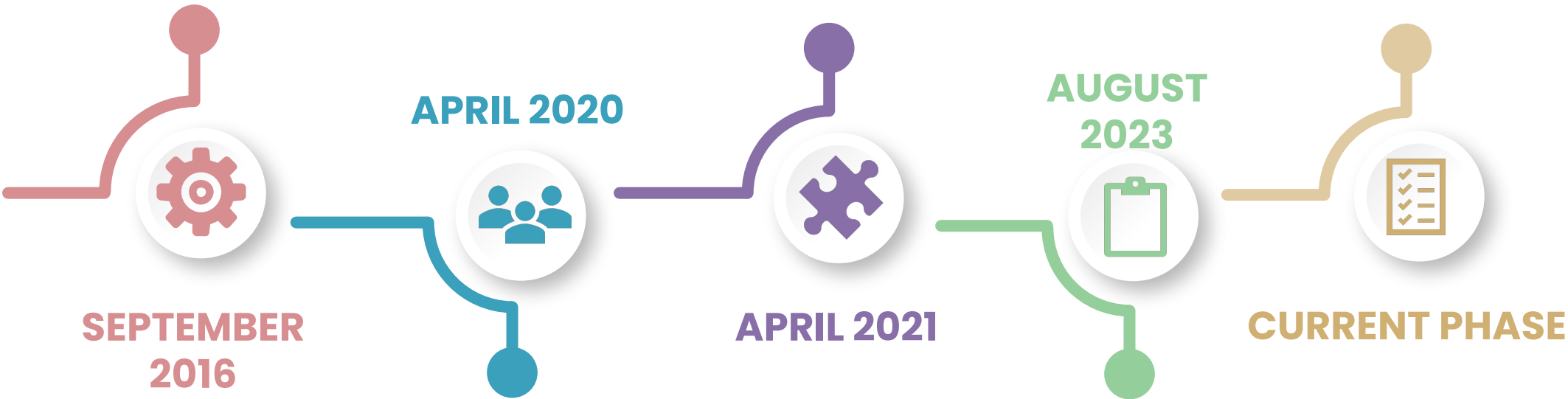
SBOE established TRR strategic priority.

TRR Action Plan Roll Out

TRR Action Plan provides 18 recommendations across 6 essential areas.

Implementation

Implement TRR recommendations to create alignment across the system.



SEPTEMBER
2016

APRIL 2020

APRIL 2021

AUGUST
2023

CURRENT PHASE

TRR Work Group

GOA created a TRR working group of established stakeholders from across the state.

TRR Playbook

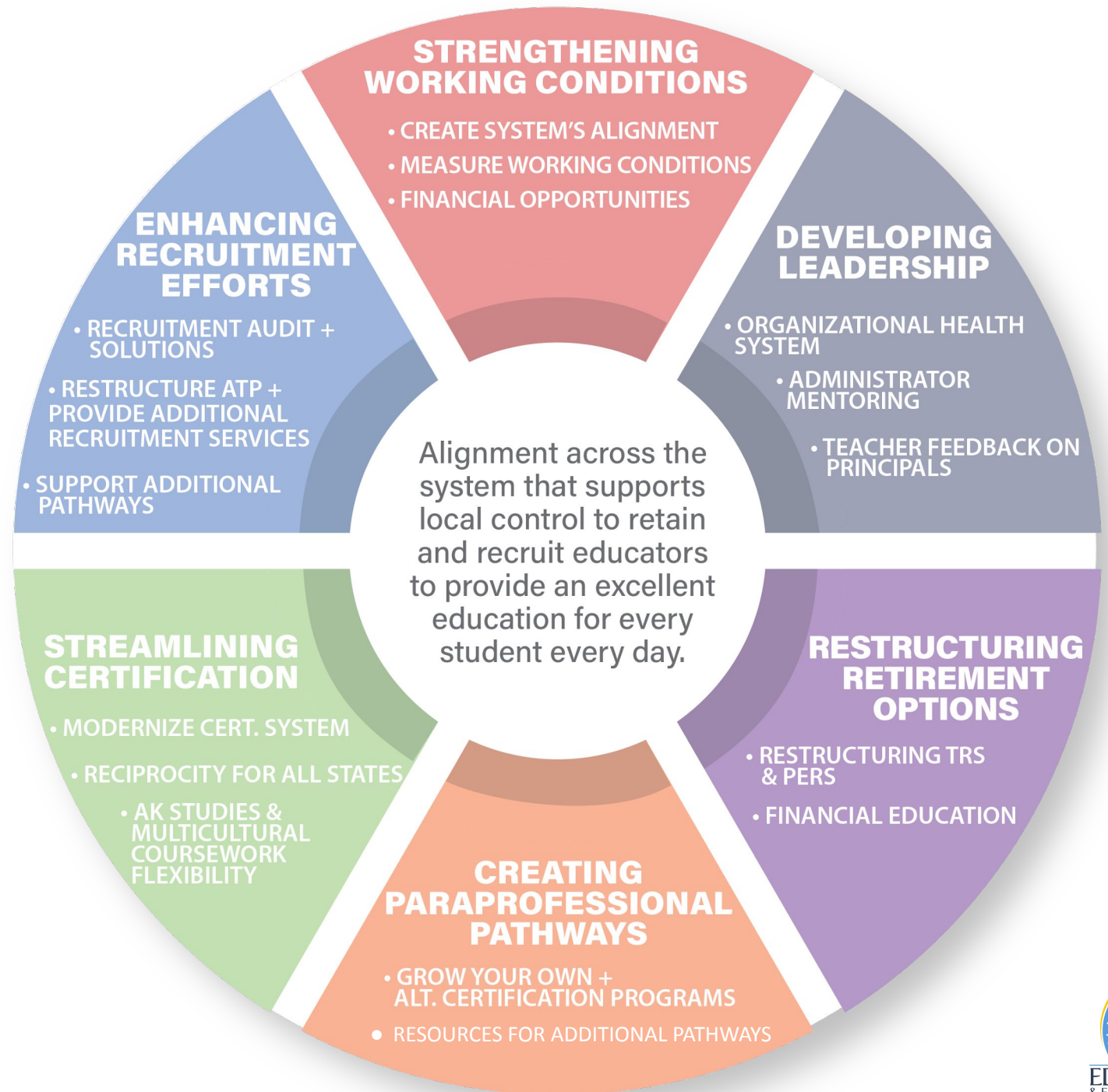
TRR Playbook refines to 16 recommendations with implementation strategies defined by stakeholder group.

TRR Playbook

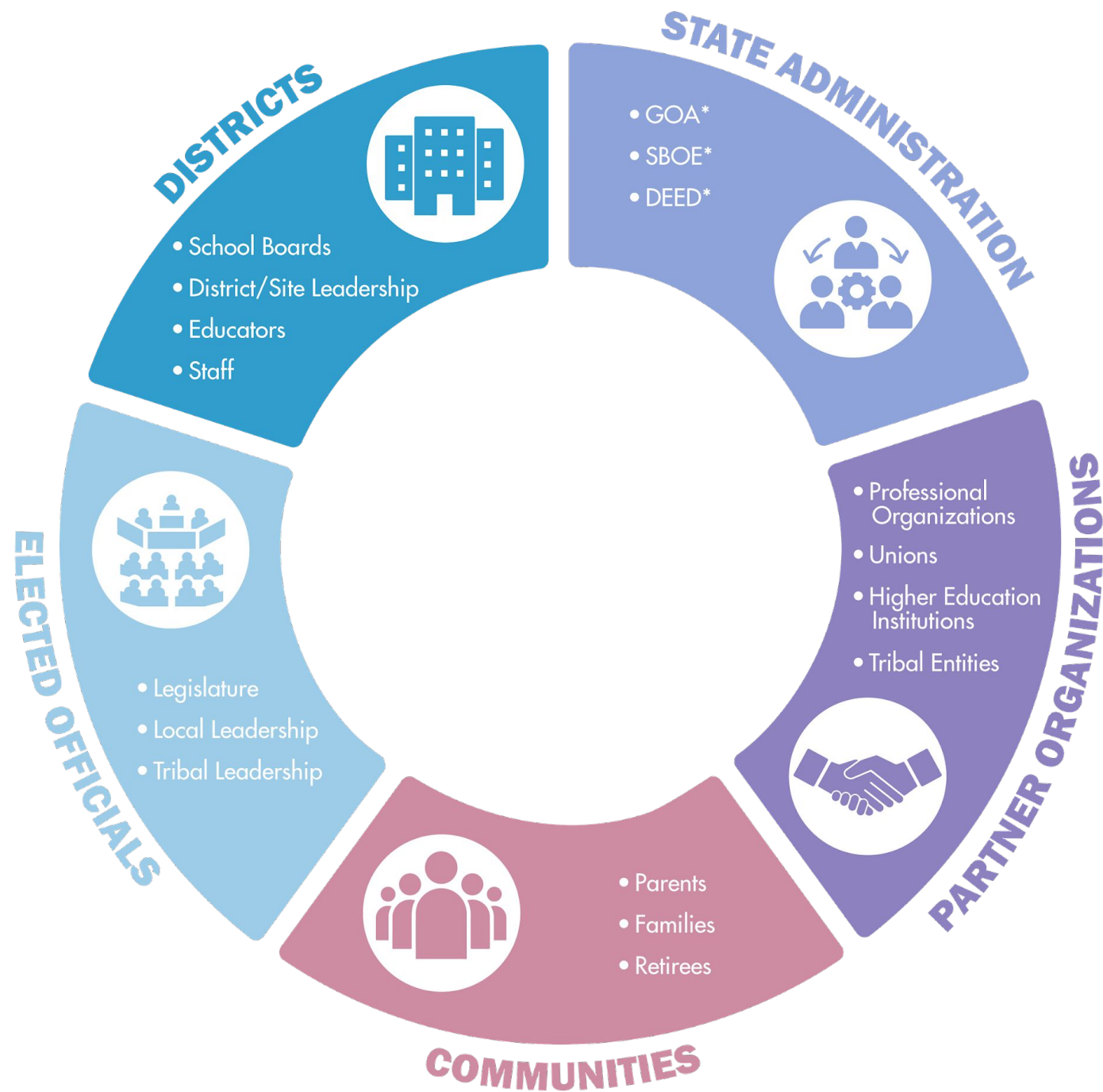
Potential Solutions



<https://aklearns.org/trr/>



TRR Stakeholder Groups



*GOA GOVERNOR OF ALASKA

*SBOE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*DEED DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

What is a Registered Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is the ***best of both worlds***



Apprentice completes a **degree program** from an EPP.



Apprentice gains **hands-on experience** in a K-12 classroom, under the guidance of a **mentor teacher**.



Apprentice can “**earn-and-learn**” as a full-time employee.

Apprenticeship Program

Key Actors



SPONSOR |

Alaska Pacific University
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
Bering Strait School District
Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education
Department of Education and Early Development
Rural Alaska Community Action Program
Sealaska Heritage Institute
Southeast Childhood Collective (Formerly AEYC-SEA)



EMPLOYER | DISTRICTS

Currently 71 Apprentices with +13 for Spring Semester.



RELATED TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION PROVIDER | COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Alaska Pacific University (APU)
Chadron State College (CSC)
University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) – Kodiak College
University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)



US DOL APPRENTICESHIP OFFICE |

Employer

Key Actors



EMPLOYER | DISTRICTS

- Anchorage School District
- Bering Strait School District
- Bristol Bay Borough School District
- Dillingham City School District
- Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- Galena City School District
- Hydaburg City School district
- Juneau School District
- Kake City School District
- Ketchikan Gateway School District
- Kodiak Island Borough School District
- Lake and Peninsula School District
- Lower Yukon School District
- North Slope School District
- Pelican School District
- Saint Mary's School District
- Southeast Island School District
- Southwest Region School District
- Yukon-Koyukuk School District
- Yupiit School District



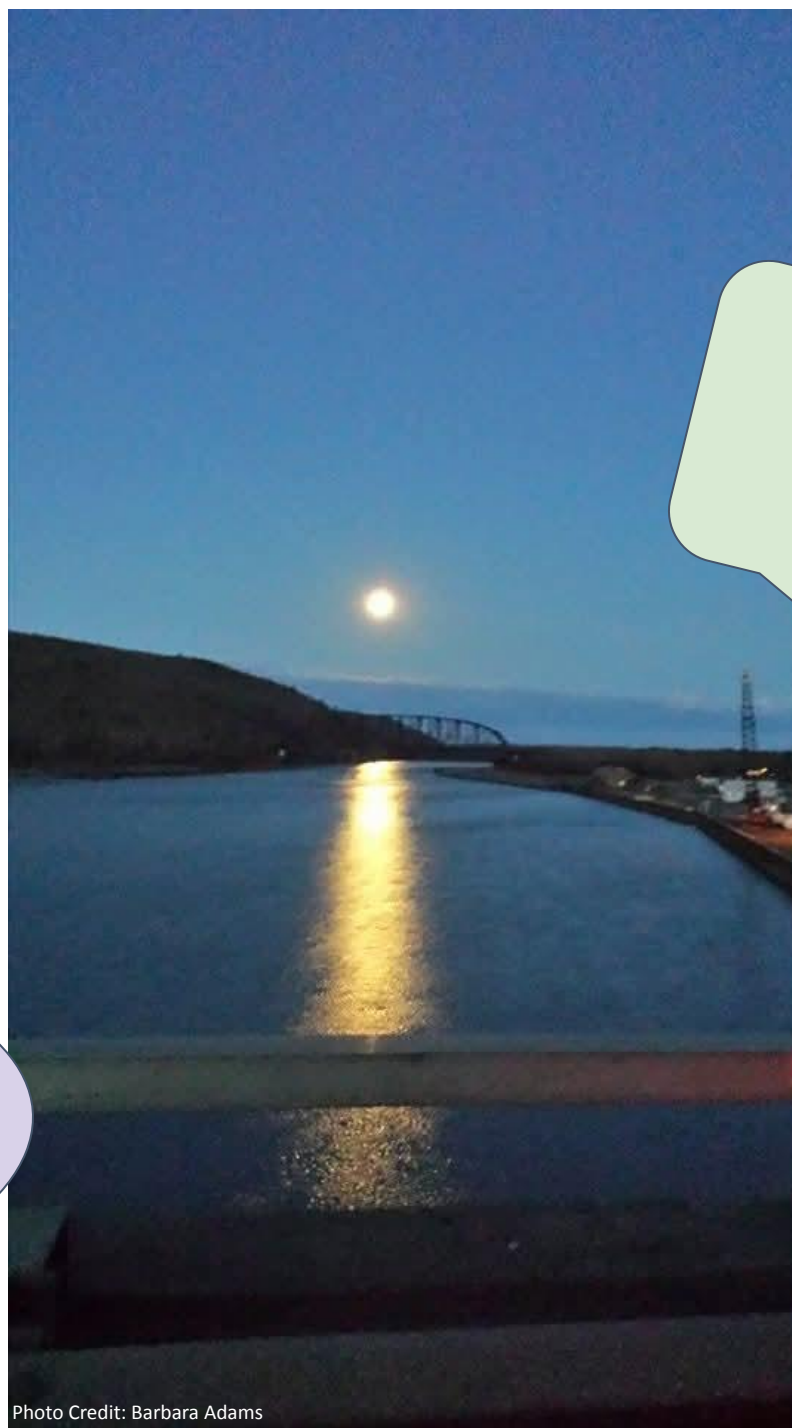


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