

Repeal Alaska Digital Teaching Initiative - Digital Teaching Academies **FY2016 Request: \$0**
Reference No: 58584

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Education
Category: Education
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Mike Hanley
Estimated Project Dates: 04/19/2015 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2802

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This removes funding for Digital Teaching Academies, the second component of the Digital Teaching Initiative. The impact is that the Digital Teaching Academies will not occur. This does not have negative implications for the rest of the project since funds have already been allocated to four districts for in-district and across-district digital teaching activities, as well as an evaluation of those activities. The Digital Teaching Academies, while related due to their focus on digital teaching, were planned as separate activities.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$-750,000						\$-750,000
Total:	\$-750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-750,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P50 L20 SB119 \$4,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Digital Teaching Initiative objective is to overcome the barriers of geography and district boundaries, increasing opportunity, choice, and educational quality access for all of Alaska’s students. The initiative works directly with technology services providers and school districts to assess capabilities for interactive, distance delivery and focus on removing barriers, providing specific technology enhancements, and strengthen and enhance current technology-based instructional programs.

The first component of the initiative, Digital Teaching Districts, focused on improving student access to distance education courses in specific districts. Four districts have been allocated funding to expand upon their successful model for distance education by offering courses to a larger audience of students within and outside of their district. The four districts are Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (partnering with the Bristol Bay Borough School District and the Cordova City School District); the Copper River School District; the Kodiak Island Borough School District (partnering with the Pribilof, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, Northwest Arctic, Lake and Peninsula, Nome, St. Mary’s,

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and Annette Island School Districts); and, the Ketchikan Borough School District (partnering with the Craig, Annette Island, Klawock, Hydaburg, and Southeast Island School Districts).

To be removed: The Second component of the initiative, the Digital Teaching Academies, is focused upon training teachers statewide. The academies will create cohorts of teachers in both urban and rural settings. Each cohort of teachers and facilitators will be immersed in a learning experience modeling best practices in digital and distance education. These academies will increase teacher ability to teach and facilitate distance delivered courses across the state.