Education Breakout

General Recommendations (education oriented)

What do you agree with?
-Like the idea of establishing an office of broadband policy and advocacy.

What would you change or add?
-Anchor institutions are drivers to reach homes
-Add goal speeds for schools and libraries
-How do we make broadband affordable for ALL people throughout the state? Small communities have higher costs, not all anchor institutions/stakeholders get subsidies.
-Are there options for the state to buy broadband infrastructure in bulk to keep costs down? Consolidate and coordinate services through some entity, recognizing Alaska's needs.

What did we miss?
-Sustain advocacy for Alaska broadband needs at the national level. We're tired of hearing that Alaska is the 1% that won't get served.
-Office of broadband advocacy should work with other states that have similar challenges to reach common solutions.
-Should public broadcasting be recognized as an anchor institution?

Education Recommendations

What do you agree with?
In general, good.

What would you change or add?

-Ensure that AKCee is truly active and representative of all stakeholders (K12 and Libraries).
Add goal speeds for schools and libraries.
-Follow national goals and reassess state goals.
-It's important to have a bridge between k-12 and higher education, and the private sector.
    -Expand bullet #3 to be more comprehensive.
-Suggestion to delete bullet #4 under #1 or move to "Jobs" section.
Office of Intellectual Property at UA
-Establish priority funding for all post-secondary institutions not connected to an academic network.
-Add "post-secondary institutions" into #3.
-Insert the general recommendations in #3 and #4.
    -In #2, change "digital literacy" programs to "digital teaching and learning" or "information literacy".
    Creative use of Technology

What did we miss?
-Make MyAlaska available to municipalities statewide.
-Revisit what Alaska universal service funds are used for, and modernize the fund for today's communication needs.

Funding Recommendations

What do you agree with?
-Like that recommendations don't put restrictions on number of students to receive funding.

What would you change or add?
-For the 4th diamond under grant programs, add "for any post-secondary institution".

What did we miss?
-Continue state funded support now in the operation budget for libraries or anchor tenants.