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District Wide 9th-12th Grade Essay Contest for the Youth Advocacy Institute



Win a trip to Juneau: February 20-22, 2027

Purpose for the Trip:

- Meet with elected representatives
- Connect with student leaders from across the state
- Develop and practice skills to advocate for your peers and your school

Please write an essay on the following topic:

What are significant challenges in our schools today and what can student leaders do to advocate for positive change?

Entries will be judged anonymously. Recommended essay length is 1 to 2 pages, double spaced. Please submit your essay by the end of the day on Thursday, December 17, 2026. Please email your essay to Cheryl at croof@aebsd.org. Up to two students will be selected to represent the district. Winning students will receive a full itinerary after they receive permission to travel from a guardian.