

## PHOTO GALLERY

# NIET Reaches the Last Frontier

**NIET's work is not limited to the Lower 48. Our mission has made it all the way to the Last Frontier. While school settings in Alaska may be frostier than in Arizona — or only accessible by air or sea — the effects of NIET's high-impact support for instructional improvement remain the same.**

Petersburg School District, located in southeast Alaska, is strengthening their instructional practices in partnership with the Alaska Council of School Administrators and NIET with funding from a federal Teacher and School Leader (TSL) Incentive Program grant. The district has created an instructional leadership team to develop a long-range plan and support teacher collaborative learning to improve student outcomes.

Heather Conn, principal of Stedman Elementary School in Petersburg, has already seen the impact of this collaborative learning. "It is so important to learn from others. I do not have all the tips or tricks for instructional best practices, so I let others support and share too," said Conn. "This allows them to find the power within our building. It builds the relationships across the staff and allows us to build collective efficacy in our school." ●

