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FOR: School Board Members
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

Spring Native Youth Gathering – The CCSD Indigenous Education Committee has been planning the second CMS/CHS Native Youth Gathering scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024. The committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 to finalize the schedule. This will be the 2nd CMS/CHS Native Youth Gathering. CCSD is appreciative of CTA, Sealaska, Tlingit Haida Central Council, Shaan Seet Inc., and our Indigenous Education Committee members for the support with our event

Resource Management

CEA CCSD Negotiations - CCSD certified teachers' negotiated bargaining agreement is set to expire on July 1, 2024. CCSD met with CEA on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 to discuss a successor agreement. CCSD and CEA settled on a Tentative Agreement (TA) for a one-year contract for FY 25. CEA is taking the TA back to their members to ratify and I am assuming that this will be an action item for the CCSD Board to address during the May 2024 CCSD Board meeting.

CCSD FY 25 Budget - The CCSD School Board and the CCSD Advisory Budget Committee have been working throughout the spring semester on the development of the district's FY 25 general fund budget. The CCSD School Board have conducted two budget work sessions to date (February 8, 2024 and March 6, 2024). The CCSD Budget Advisory Committee has met three times and provided recommendations for the development of the FY 25 general fund budget for the CCSD School Board's consideration. The CCSD School Board and Craig City Council have also met on March 13, 2024 and April 11, 2024 for joint budget work sessions to discuss the school district's FY 25 budget and the city's local contribution. CCSD is required by state statute to pass a balanced budget for the upcoming school year. At this time the district cannot fulfill this responsibility until the district has a clearer sense of what the city's local contribution will be. The city is meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024 to set the city's local contributing share. Once this is set the district can then make final determinations about our FY 25 budget.

HB 392 – CCSD has provided testimony to the House Education Committee on two occasions in reference to HB 392. Included with this report is the written testimony CCSD Superintendent, Chris Reitan, provided to the House Education Committee on Monday, April 8, 2024. I believe HB 392 has legs to get out of the House and move to the Senate but I don't believe that it will move through the Senate in its current format. The language included within the bill about the Charter School approval process is problematic to school districts' responsibility. My sense is that public education will not see an increase to the BSA within the Base Student Allocation funding formula and would expect that districts will receive one-time-funding outside the BSA again for next year.

CHS Biomass Project – Southeast Roadbuilders has completed the site prep work and road construction for our high school biomass project. R&M Engineering is currently in the process of developing bid documents related to the construction of the new wood shop. As more information is available about this aspect of the project and timelines are solidified I will share this information with Board members immediately. CCSD has also been in dialogue with Katie Conway with the Denali Commission. CCSD's application for \$200,000 in additional gap funding for the CHS Biomass Project has been approved. Katie Conway is working on the documents related to this grant award to couple this funding with the grant funding CCSD has already received from the Denali Commission that the Alaska Energy Authority is serving as the fiscal agent.

Craig Elementary and Middle School Project, Supplemental Funding – Our Craig Elementary and Middle School Project, Supplemental Funding grant remains the number 1 rated project and is currently funded in the Governor's budget that was submitted to the legislature for the spring legislative session. The legislature has not addressed the state's capital budget yet, the majority of their work to date has focused on the operating budget. My sense is that the capital budget will be wrapped up at the very end of the legislative session.

Staff Recruiting for 2024-2025 School Year - CCSD is currently advertising two full-time certified positions on the Alaska Teacher Placement website and CCSD webpage and one certified substitute teacher for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

- .5 PACE Principal and .5 PACE Teaching Position
- CMS/CES Long Term Sub – for the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year

Communication

CCSD Board Policy Meeting - The next CCSD Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:15pm.