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Superintendent Board Report
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2026–27 SUPERINTENDENT PRIORITIES/GOALS (Beginning of Year)

- Build Relationships
 - City Council/Mayor
 - Community
 - Partners
 - Staff
 - Students/Families
- Monitor Budget, Financials and Funding Sources
- Analyze and Lead Forward Steps towards Strategic Vision

BOARD DIRECTIVES/PRIOR MEETING FOLLOW-UPS

- None at this time.

Summer Highlights:

June: valuable time with Mr. Russin to help with system-related transitions and introductions into the community.

July/August: Relationship Building

✓ City/Community Engagements

- Cordova City 4th of July Events
- Cordova Local Events and Gatherings (Little League BBQ, Salmon Jam, Friday Breakfast Give-Aways)
- 4H Music Camp Support
- AMHS Winter Schedule Zoom meeting
- City Council Meetings
 - Meetings with City Manager and Finance Director
- Introduction Meetings with Copper River Watershed Project Manager and Prince William Sound Science Center Education Director, Lauren Bien, and Specialist, Kate Trudeau
- Several other one-on-one meetings

✓ Staff Engagements

- Learning a LOT from our business office staff!
- Administrative team began establishing norms, planning and problem solving this past week
 - Extra time with Principals for conversations around goals, inservice and staffing

STRATEGIC VISION:

- Beginning to analyze status of current vision by determining what makes people say, “We are great”.

POLICY REVIEW/INFORMATION

- The Policy Committee will reconvene Sept. 8. Initial work will include review of Chapter 3000 Business and Non-Instruction, followed by review of Chapter 4000 Personnel. Tentative plan will to meet the 1st Tuesday of each month during the 2026-27 school year. This will be up for discussion during our 1st meeting.

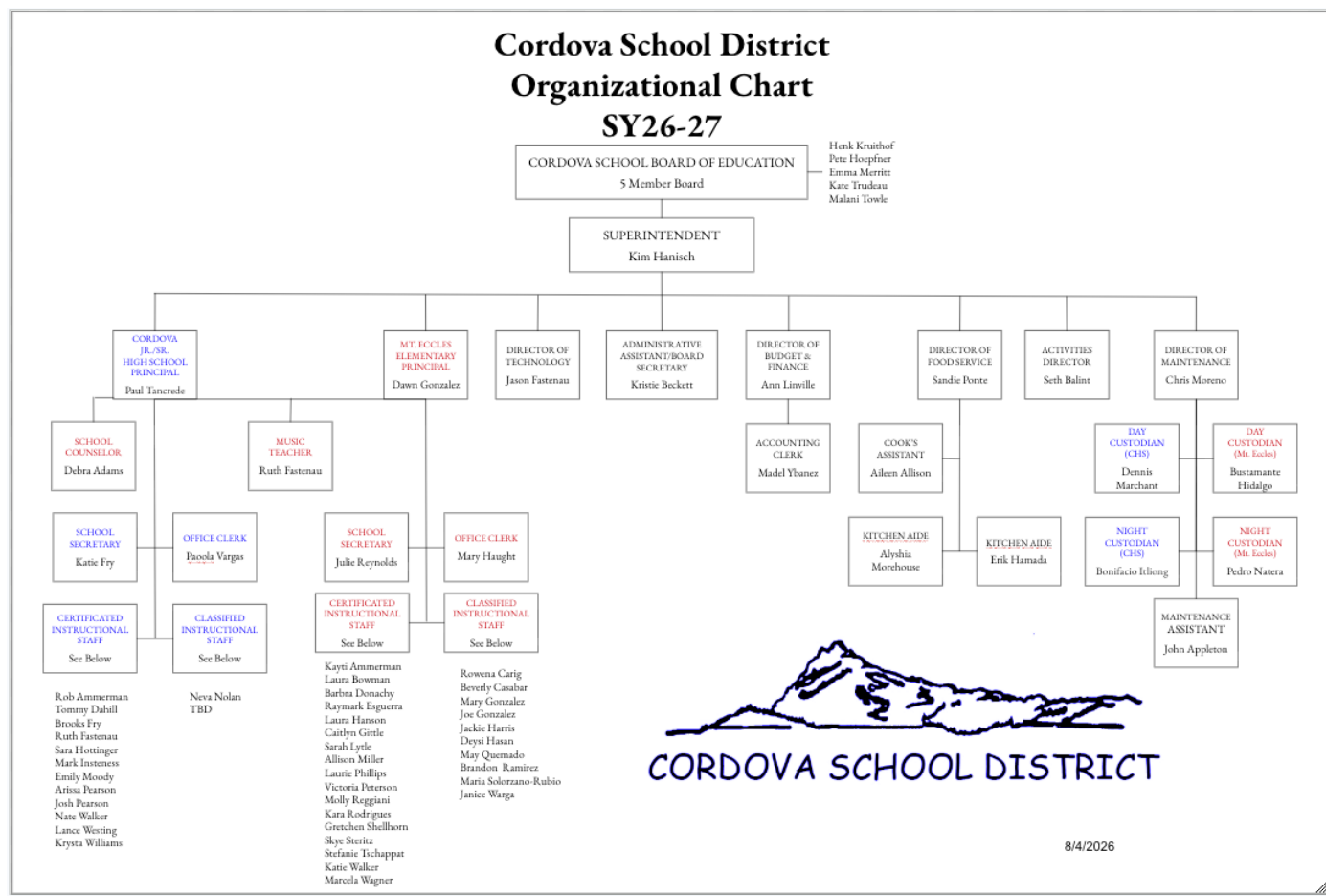
BUDGET AND FINANCE

- Federal Level:
 - FY27 Funding proposals includes major cuts (\$1.6 billion) in Title II funds (effective instruction). Current opinion is that budget won’t be approved and funding will remain status quo.
 - K12 Tax Credit Opt In Program
 - Alaska (and almost every state) has opted in
 - Educational donations to a Scholarship Generating Organization (SGO) earn a \$1:\$1 tax credit (up to \$1700 credit for all tax payers)
 - An SGO is a nonprofit organization (one would have to be created for our district)
 - Scholarships can pay for “qualified elementary and secondary education expenses”
 - Donations to SGO’s process scheduled to open Jan. 2027
 - More to come!
- State Level:
 - Proposed Funding dependent upon oil pricing will be confirmed Aug. 31st. If approved CSD will get an additional:
 - Approximately \$400K 1-time funding
 - Approximately \$90K energy relief
 - HB28 (passed this year) - School District Energy Cost Reimbursement: beginning FY28, HB28 directs that legislature may appropriate 100% the 3-0year avg. school district energy costs to districts (in essence this double funds energy costs since that is already part of the foundation formula)
- City Level:
 - The Aug. 31st determination includes approximately \$800K debt bond reimbursement payment which goes to the city (this ‘promised’ payment has been inconsistently funded in past years)
 - HB28: Required Local Contribution (RLC): Currently RLC is the lesser of 2.65 mills or 45% of prior year basic need. Moving forward, is the additional language of “or the previous year’s RLC plus 4%.” In general, this shifts more financial burden on to the state. For Cordova, the estimated RLC will be \$24,000 less than last year, of which the state will be responsible.
- District Level: See Financials

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION: Refer to Principal Reports

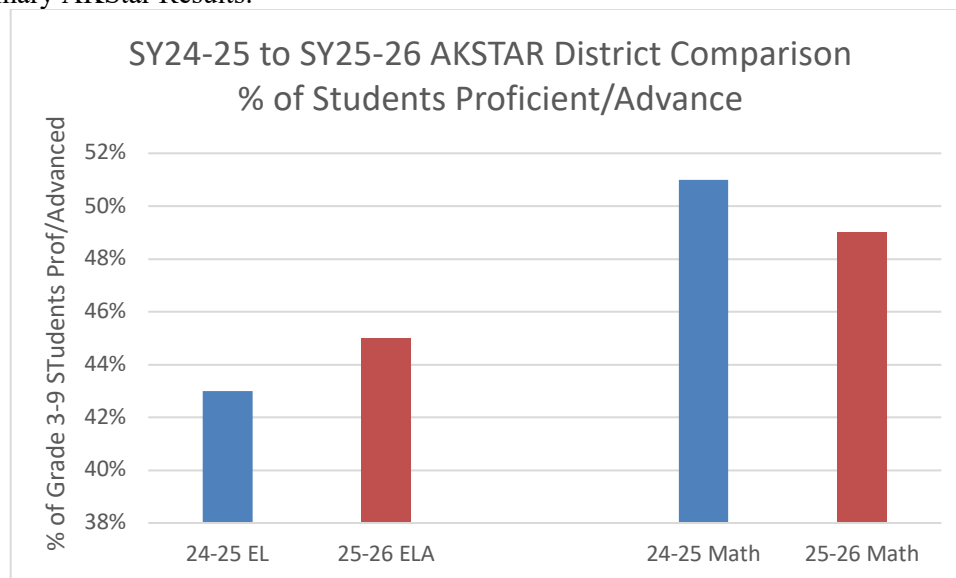
PERSONNEL:

- All Certified positions are filled
- 6 paraprofessional positions remain un-filled



STUDENT LEARNING

■ Preliminary AKStar Results:



NOTE: AKStar Cut Scores differ from MAP and AKStar data only includes grade level question performance data.

NOTE: Great variability between class performance and between cohort performance