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FOR: School Board Members  
FROM: Chris Reitan  
DATE: October 19, 2022  
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

## Student Learning

**October 31 and November 1 Craig In-Service** – CCSD is in the process of finalizing our outcomes and agenda for our October 31 and November 1 Craig in-service. A number of items that will drive our in-service are the following:

- Active Shooter Attack Preparedness & Prevention (ASAPP)
  - Mass Violence Incident (MVI) Victim Assistance discussion
  - Federal Crimes Against Children
  - Responding to Vicarious Trauma and Compassion Fatigue
- Developing objectives, strategies and tasks aligned with CCSD's Board adopted strategic plan goals
- Special Education MANDT Training

**November 8 and 9 PACE In-Service** – Developing next steps to address goals and objectives aligned with PACE's school improvement plan to specifically address increasing our retention rate with families and students.

**Special Services** – Currently CCSD is serving 108 students on IEPs. 27 students at CES, 8 students at CMS, 16 students at CHS, and 57 students at PACE. (6 students in the eligibility process at CES that qualified.)

First round of Related Service Provider visits complete.

Our special education department is currently addressing the outlined projects:

- Autism/Behavior Specialist, Successful. Completed Functional Behavior Analysis and Behavior Intervention Plan. Implementing multiple suggestions in the classroom.
- De-escalation, restraint, and seclusion training. We have requests to 3 Alaska vendors for training during in-service. We are looking at dates and locations to train our own trainer as well
- Child Find: Collaborate with local partners; speech, early childhood, vision, hearing, and school readiness screenings. Talking with a speech provider to conduct screenings during child find.
- Self-Audit for PACE special education procedures and compliance. In progress.
- Cost Analysis to provide tele-therapy speech services to approximately eleven students (SERCC and outside private providers). This will provide better service for these students and allow the elementary SPED teacher to provide more direct services to other students on the elementary caseload.

## Resource Management

**CCSD Enrollment Projections** – CCSD is engaged with the state of Alaska’s official student count period. The official student count period runs from Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 28. Based on the student enrollment in each of our schools during this four-week period will dictate the majority of the funding CCSD receives for the 2022-2023 school year.

**CMS and CES Rehabilitation Projects** – MRV Architects is in the process of developing bid ready design development and estimation documents for our CMS and CES projects. Our goal is to go out for bid during the second week of November for a four-week window ending in December. This aggressive timeline responds to two major needs with our projects:

- One, if the bids we receive on our projects are above what we have secured for funding, we have time before the Governor releases his FY 24 budget (December 15) to request additional supplemental funding, and
- Two, if we have a bid that is less than what we have secured for funding we can move forward with contracts and the contractor will have a six month window to begin ordering materials and getting ahead of the global supply chain issues.

**CCSD Staff Needs** - Outlined below is the current status of CCSD’s open staffing positions. The .5 PACE Contact Teacher for the Anchorage Learning Center is based on current enrollment projections. We have secured two CMS special education aides and still have one advertised as part of our American Rescue Plan Act grant funding. We have not received any new applications for a number of months for the CEMS PE/Health Teacher and CHS PE/Health Teacher. Frankly if we did receive an application from a quality candidate at this time moving forward would be difficult. First, I’m unaware of any housing that is available at this time in Craig and two we have schedules in place and staff allocated to serve both of these needs. Adjusting our middle school and high school schedules might be difficult at this late date. We have received one new application for the CES .5 Special Education Teacher. However, the applicant is not currently certified in special education and as such we can’t move forward until certification is acquired.

- CES .5 Special Education Teacher
- CEMS PE/Health Teacher
- CHS PE/Health Teacher
- 1 CMS special education aide
- .5 PACE Contact Teacher for the Anchorage Learning Center

**Base Student Allocation Funding for Homeschool/Correspondence Students** – CCSD has been collaborating with Alaskan school districts who also operate statewide homeschool/correspondence programs regarding funding. 4 AAC 33.432 appropriately requires that correspondence programs enroll special education students on the same basis as any other student. No school is allowed to refuse a free and appropriate public education to a student based on a disability. However, the state Base Student Allocation does not provide funding for the support of these students to students enrolled in homeschool/correspondence programs as it does for brick-and-mortar schools. CCSD, in collaboration with other districts that operate statewide homeschool/correspondence programs are developing a common resolution to bring before our respective school Board’s for ratification that we can then bring forward to the legislature during the spring 2023 legislative session. The resolution will request that the .2 special education multiplier provided in the Base Student Allocation for students attending a brick and mortar student also be applied to students attending a homeschool/correspondence program. As this item is developed further I will share with the Board. My goal is to have a resolution before the CCSD Board for the November Board meeting.

## **Communication**

**CCSD Board Policy Committee Meeting** – The CCSD Board Policy Committee will meet on Monday, November 14 at 5:30pm.

**CCSD Indigenous Education Committee Meeting** – The CCSD Indigenous Education Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 27 at 4:30pm. The committee is planning activities for CCSD to celebrate American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.