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September CCSD School Board Report

This was a busy month for CHS and I want to thank the staff for their flexibility.

Athletics: Our student-athletes continue to be an inspiring group of people. This past month Aulis Nelson took first place at the local race in Klawock, winning almost by a minute, and second in Ketchikan, only 4.5 seconds behind first. The team traveled to Juneau for the regional tournament Thursday the 24th, with the state tournament this coming weekend.

Volleyball started this month and the turnout has been incredible. Over 20 students signed up for the team and participation has continued at a similar level. Coach Jessica Becker leads the team as head coach, and Grace Edenshaw was recently hired as the assistant coach. Their fundraising night had an amazing turnout with some delicious food, great games, and an impressive silent dessert auction.

Wrestling starts on September 30th with the first meet here at CHS on October 16-17. As of 9/24, 14 students are signed up for the team.

Building and Campus: Our building is beautiful but she is showing her age a bit. We had a small leak in the auditorium during some heavy rain and the welding room is doing its best to control their leaks.

Our PA system also struggling, as it did last year. We lost the bell system for a couple days as Jared hunted down a new issue with the electronics. Replacing the system will take time so we are looking at supplying staff with walkie-talkies as a back up in case of emergencies.

In good news, I am happy to report that the famous "CHS Pothole" has been filled. CHS thanks the maintenance team for filling not only our infamous "ditch", but some of the smaller ones as well.

Cellphones: CHS staff met several times this month to discuss cellphone usage. Students were adhering to the policy early in the month but about halfway through we noticed an increasing amount of students carrying them around. We met on 9/23 as a staff to discuss hurdles towards enforcement and redouble our efforts to uphold the policy.

Enrollment: Current CHS enrollment is 72 students with the sophomores class of 25 as our largest group. Both our freshman and junior classes have 15 students, while our senior cohort

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is at 17. Thankfully we have kept most class sizes under 20 students. Only world history and world literature exceed the threshold with 24 and 20 students respectively.

Scheduling: Balancing schedules and teacher work load was not an easy task this year and is an area of concern looking ahead. Our ability to offer intervention and alternative courses is limited by our staff size and next year we may not be able to offer these support courses. Teachers are doing their best to meet student needs, but conflicts in schedules are emerging. To provide students the needed courses, we are increasingly relying on our online platform Edmentum. While useful, students still have questions and need teacher support. I want to commend our math teacher Ms. Nelson and our social studies teacher Ms. Beck for their willingness to help these students when they need extra support. It cannot be overstated how important it is to have students with teachers in a classroom and it is always our goal. The reality is that we are finding that hard to do with our current staffing numbers.

Looking Ahead: Now that we have a month of school done, we are starting to identify some areas improvements to be made.

There is a need for social-emotional mentoring amongst our students. We are in the very early stages of identifying what our response will look like, but we are leaning towards a mentoring system. We hope to identify a small group of students who could benefit from a program such as this.

We are working on implementing a three-tiered data collection model for positive and negative behaviors using PowerSchool resources. It is the hope that this will help us detect patterns and allow for more targeted interventions to help students.