

**Craig City School District** 

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March 3, 2023

Heidi Teschner Acting Commissioner Department of Education and Early Development PO Box 110500 Juneau, AK 99801-0500

Re: AS 14.03.030 School Term

Dear Heidi Teschner,

On Monday, March 6, 2023 CCSD cancelled school for our Craig, AK based schools due to a water issue with the City of Craig. We currently do not have water pressure at our Craig Elementary School, Craig Middle School, and Craig High School Buildings. CCSD has used Monday, March 6, 2023 for a planning day to move to a distance delivery instructional model until the City of Craig can rectify the issues associated with our community water system.

Unfortunately, because we had to cancel school today (Monday, March 6, 2023), we did lose one student instructional day resulting in CCSD falling below the state minimum of 180 student days in a session for the 2022-2023 school year. With our school cancellation on Monday, March 6, 2023 we currently have 179 student instructional days for the 2022-2023 school year.

CCSD is formerly requesting a waiver to AS 14.03.030 School Term that states, "A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner." Attached with this letter is our Board adopted and DEED approved 2022-2023 school calendar for your reference.

Thank you for considering this waiver request from the 180 days in session guidelines stipulated within AS 14.03.030.

Sincerely,

Chris Reitan, CCSD Superintendent Email: creitan@craigschools.com