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FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

Elementary and Secondary Act Monitoring - CCSD has begun working through the report and documentation related to our ESEA monitoring. As a reminder CCSD receives federal dollars that flow through the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for our Title I-A (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged), Title I-C (Migrant Education), Title II-A (Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers), and Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment). Our monitoring will take place the week of January 29, 2024 with all documentation needed to be submitted by January 5, 2024.

Resource Management

CEMS Major Maintenance Rehabilitation Projects Grant Submission - As previously shared with CCSD Board members CCSD's major maintenance grant application is ranked #1 out of 95 applications that were submitted to the Department of Education and Early Development. At this time, CCSD is anxiously awaiting the release of Governor Dunleavy's FY 25 budget to determine if the Governor's budget will allocate any funding to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Major Maintenance grant funding. Our hope is that the Governor's budget has some monies dedicated to DEED's Major Maintenance Grant fund. If so, then our work during the spring legislative process will be much easier. If the Governor's FY 25 budget does not contain any funding for DEED's Major Maintenance grant fund then this topic will be one of our major advocacy topics during the spring legislative session.

FY 25 Budget Preparations - One topic of our recent CCSD Admin Collaboration meetings has been the topic of CCSD's FY 25 budget preparation. I'd recommend the CCSD School Board consider holding a Budget Work Session to begin discussions on areas CCSD might consider adjusting in our FY 25 budget to compensate for the budget deficit we are anticipating. School district budgets are always a tricky process because you have to begin preparing your budget for next year knowing exactly what we have for funding which could potentially change during the spring legislative session. At this time we know we can anticipate a Base Student Allocation from the state of Alaska of **\$5960** and the "traditional" local contribution from the City of Craig of **\$550,660** in cash with **\$24,897** in supplemental funding and **\$57,080** in in-kind funding.

CHS Biomass Project - Attached for Board members review is the final grant application document for Denali Commission Gap Funding for the CHS Biomass Project that was submitted on Monday, November 27, 2023.

Communication

AS 14.03.030 - School Term - Attached for Board members review is a letter that CCSD submitted to Commissioner Bishop formally requesting a waiver from the 180 day student school term based on CCSD cancelling school on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 due to the landslides across the island. Also attached is an email that was sent to staff regarding payroll options for CCSD to manage this situation given our certified and classified negotiated agreements.

Spring 2024 Alaska Legislative Session – As CCSD prepares for the Spring 2024 Alaska Legislative Session three areas present themselves as specific areas of interest for CCSD advocacy:

- Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's FY 25 Major Maintenance Grant Fund
- HB 139 that advocates for a Base Student Allocation of 1.0 with the 1.2 Special Needs multiplier for students attending correspondence/homeschool programs.
- Increase to the BSA – The various education associations across the state have been meeting to determine a common message. At this time it appears to be centering on a \$1650 increase to the BSA.