
CCSD Superintendent Report

April 2025

CCSD Appreciations

- Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day was celebrated on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. On behalf of CCSD, I would like to thank our amazing administrative assistants: Ms. Kellie Ebbighausen, Ms. Sandra Marker, Ms. Liz Thomsen, and Ms. Veronica Dandurand. We appreciate all they do to support our students, staff, and community - they are such an important part of our team!
- Thank you to CCSD's Indigenous Education Committee, Craig Tribal Association, Shaan Seet, and all our presenters as well as volunteers for their invaluable support with the CMS & CHS Youth Gathering and Cultural Day on Friday, April 18th. The dedication and contributions from all helped make the event a memorable and meaningful experience for our middle and high school students.
- I'm pleased to announce the successful completion of the Administrative Review for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) conducted on January 7, 2025. Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Kristine Cervera and Ms. Melinda Bass, all corrective actions have been addressed and approved, officially closing the review.

CCSD Finances/Budget

- As noted under the Correspondence section of our April Board Agenda, the Department of Education & Early Development is still finalizing Foundation/State Aid Entitlements for each district for fiscal year (FY) 2025, based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) reported through the State Report Manager. The final closeout will occur with the May and June Foundation payments.
- Please note, CCSD's April's Foundation payment was reduced to \$420,752 (down from \$425,613). While this \$5,000 difference is relatively small, the estimated total FY25 Foundation/State Aid Entitlement based on actual ADMs vs. previously submitted ADMs in November 2023, has been adjusted to \$5,108,104, down from the Board adopted \$5,295,088.
- CCSD also received an \$11,946 deposit from Impact Aid disparity funding and will receive additional funding for one intensive student. Taking all adjustments into account, the revised FY25 Foundation/State Aid Entitlement reflects a reduction of **(\$186,984)**. As a result, the FY25 budget line item for Foundation/State Aid will be revised to \$5,120,050.
- Additionally, inaccurate student count projections submitted to the Office of Indian Education in January 2024 will result in an additional funding reduction of **(\$40,465)**. Unfortunately, this shortfall will further impact CCSD's projected beginning fund balance for FY26 and requires immediate adjustments to align expenditures with actual revenues.
- Please see Memorandum 10d under the New Business section of our April Board Agenda for updated information in regards to CCSD's FY 2026 Draft Projected Budget.

Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Please make note that Ms. Marsha Browder requested and was granted reassignment to the 4th Grade Teacher position.
- CCSD is excited to announce and welcome several new hires. We are excited to have each of them join our Panther Family and look forward to the great work they will do for our students and school community!
 - Ms. Virginia Pulley – Middle/High School Special Education Teacher

- Mr. James Anderson – Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Mr. John Morgan – K-12 Health & PE Teacher
- Ms. Christina Kensinger – High School English/Language Arts Teacher
- Mr. Robert Jeffrey Jr. – PACE Statewide Homeschool Teacher
- Ms. Bobbi Cotton – Full-time PACE Statewide Homeschool Administrative Assistant (Wasilla Office)
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: PACE Administrative Assistant (Part Time), MS Mathematics Teacher, Elem/MS Special Education Teacher.

CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Charles Fay to CCSD for our April 28th In-service! Offering Love and Logic training to our staff is an exciting opportunity to bring powerful, practical strategies to our classrooms. We are looking forward to an engaging and inspiring day of learning, and we're excited to continue building positive, supportive environments for all our students.
- The next CCSD Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1st, to discuss the newly adopted Alaska Social Studies Standards and review potential K-12 curriculum resources for consideration.
- As a reminder, the Alaska Board of Education has adopted new Alaska Social Studies Standards. Toolkit materials and other resources to support the rollout of these standards are now available at <https://education.alaska.gov/standards/social>.

CCSD Special Programs

- As noted under the Correspondence section of our April Board Agenda, CCSD has received the final entitlement review findings for new intensive funding claims for FY2024-25. CCSD submitted one (1) new intensive funding claim and 1- claim was approved. The official total number of intensive claims for CCSD in FY25 is now seven (7).
- Following the Board's approval of CCSD's SERRC POW Merge Contract for Related Services for the 2025-2026 school year, I requested biographies for each assigned itinerant staff member. SERRC has provided the biographies for those itinerants currently assigned to CCSD, which are included below for the Board's reference. Once all biographies have been received, I will compile the information into a letter for CCSD's school community, including staff and parents/guardians/families, to review as well. Please see below for the current SERRC related services staff biographies:
- Adrienne Taalak (Chambers) – Virtual Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP)
 - *My name is Adrienne Taalak. I am a lifelong Alaskan, born in Utqiaġvik (formerly known as Barrow). I have lived in Kodiak for the past ten years. I have always worked with children and families, advocating for their services and needs. Most recently, I have been working as a speech therapist with a focus on pediatrics, in both schools and early intervention. I also have a part-time pediatric clinic in Kodiak. I attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School and spent many weekends in Craig for sports. I loved traveling to Craig and am excited to be working with the Craig School District!*
- Claire Cereghino – On-site Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP)
 - *Claire is an SLP for SERRC based out of Oregon. She has been an itinerant SLP in Alaska for 14 years (many of them on Prince of Wales!), and loves the adventure of traveling around the state. She enjoys finding creative ways to help students be successful and has a broad range of experience in the school setting. When she is not at work she enjoys running, skiing and surfing.*
- Lily Noble – Occupational Therapist (OT)

- *My name is Lily Noble and I have been a school-based OT for the last 5 years where I have served the rural communities of Central Oregon. I am originally from New Hampshire and enjoy traveling “home” each summer to hike, trail run, fish, and spend time at the beach with my family. I led a Student Conservation Association high school trail crew on the Kenai peninsula in 2014 when I was a teacher (prior to becoming an OT), and have had a love for everything Alaska ever since! When I’m not serving students and teachers, you can find me trail running with my Australian Shepherd “Winston” or creating my wheel-thrown pottery. I am excited to get to work with you all this upcoming year!*

CCSD Projects

CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- Please see Memorandum 10b under the New Business section of our April Board Agenda for updated information in regards to CHS’s New Shop/Biomass Project. The proposal for the CHS Biomass Project and Force Account Labor is included with Memo 10b as well. Please review the details and know that I’ll be happy to answer any questions once we reach that item during our meeting.

CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- On April 3, 2025, McG Constructors visited CCSD to assess the CES and CMS sites in preparation for the next phases of renovation. Attached to my April Board Report is a site drawing showing the temporary barrier layout for CES. The areas within red boundaries must be vacated, and green lines indicate where temporary barriers and sealed doorways will be installed for dust control. The Elementary Attic, Administrative Offices, and Commons must all be cleared. As part of this work, the CES back copy room will be upgraded for better use of space.

CES Updates:

- Ms. Browder will move to Mr. Grieve’s room (4th grade classroom remains the same).
- Ms. Beckman stays in her room until the Kindergarten renovation is complete, then will move into the Kindergarten classroom.
- CES Specials Teachers (CES K-4 Music & SEALS K-5) may temporarily teach in elementary classrooms until Ms. Beckman moves into the Kindergarten Classroom, then they may use Ms. Beckman’s old classroom/space for Specials.
- Ms. Pulley and the new Resource Teacher will share the combined Elem/MS Resource Room.
- Ms. Smith will move from the Title I classroom to the small Migrant Office; Ms. Packer will relocate into the current Title I space.
- The elementary office renovation will add two (2) new office areas. That means there will be a total of five (5) new spaces. Ms. Ebbighausen will remain in the main office area, with Ms. House, Ms. Marker, Ms. Dandurand, and I in the other four (4) office areas. Final assignments depend on construction timelines.

CMS Updates:

- The entire CMS (except the CMS Gym) must be fully vacated, including all closets and shelving.
- The CMS Stage and one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the CMS Gym will be used for storage.
- CMS modular assignments are as follows:
 - Mr. Beckman/Science: Old Weight Room
 - Mr. Seibel/English & Language Arts: Current PACE Modular
 - Mr. Anderson/Social Studies: Extra SEALS Modular
 - New CMS Math Teacher: Ronnie’s SEALS modular

Important Dates:

- Elementary basketball ends **April 25th**, after which Maintenance will prep the storage areas.
- Classroom boxes may begin moving to designated areas or the CMS Gym by **May 1st**.
- McG Constructors will have complete site access, in which both CES and CMS will be fully closed and inaccessible, beginning **June 9th**.
- All CMS parking lots (in front of CMS Gym, upper, & lower) will also be closed beginning **June 9th**.
- CCSD's network relocation is scheduled to begin on **June 16th**. During this time, there will be no internet access in any CCSD buildings. All remaining administrative and office staff on contract will work remotely from home.

Current/Upcoming District Events

- April 28th: CCSD In-service / No School & CCSD Policy Committee Meeting
- April 29th: CCSD Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
- April 30th: CCSD Regular School Board Meeting
- May 1st: CCSD Curriculum Committee Meeting
- May 5th-9th: CCSD Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9th: Indian Education Grant Application Due
- May 26th: Memorial Day / No School
- May 28th: CCSD Regular School Board Meeting
- May 29th: CHS Graduation
- May 30th: CES Kindergarten Graduation & 8th Grade Promotion
- June 3rd: CCSD Last Day of School
- June 4-5th: CCSD In-service / No School
- June 6th: CCSD Teacher Work Day
- June 9th: McG Constructors On-site & CEMS Closed for Rehabilitation Project
- June 16th: CCSD Network Relocation - Office Staff will Work Remotely from Home

*Please be sure to check CCSD's Website for specific dates of events and activities at CES, CMS, and CHS.