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FOR: School Board Members  
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

## Student Learning

**August 26 and 27 In-service Planning** - The CCSD administrative team continues to develop our August 26 and 27 in-service agenda and outcomes. Included with this report for the Board's review is the draft agenda with outlined outcomes. The in-service still needs to be fleshed out especially on Friday, August 27 for our non English/Language Art teachers.

**State Mandated Testing** – Included with this report is a press release CCSD received from the Department of Education and Early Development about statewide testing. Next year, Alaska will be moving away from PEAKs assessments for grades 3-9 for reading, writing and math and will move to NWEA's MAPs assessments as the state's assessment tool. This will be a seamless transition for CCSD since the district has been using MAPs as a regular component of our assessment protocols. The state will continue using the PEAKs science assessments for grades 5, 8, and 10.

## Resource Management

**PACE Advertising and Enrollment Campaign** - CCSD's social media advertising and enrollment campaign continues to show very strong results. Our current PACE enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year continues to exceed our enrollment from last year at this same time. However, it is important to recognize that the majority of this enrollment is re-enrollment of current families. This is a very positive trend as the district has a goal to retain 85% of our students on an annual basis. Our enrollment shift from 2020 to 2021 is showing a current 25.6% growth, at least for this time period. August and September are traditionally the two busiest enrollment months for statewide homeschool programs.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** - CCSD has started working on our grant application for the American Rescue Plan Act funding (\$585,735) the district will receive. As a reminder the district has until September 2024 to expend all the funds. Areas the district have identified to address with these funds include but are not limited to the following

- Updating all CCSD laptops with carry bags over a three year cycle (85 for FY 22; 85 for FY 23; and 85 for FY 24).
- Purchase CTE equipment for our welding and carpentry programs to improve our CTE programming. We are also looking at the potential of small engines.
- PPE equipment masks, hand sanitizer stations, etc.

- Testing of all student athletes and coaches prior to traveling to an event or CCSD hosting an event. CCSD is also considering testing for all staff who are traveling on district sponsored trainings and events.
- Provide additional funding to the CES Title I program.

A major component of this grant will be influenced by the CCSD 2021-2022 Board Mitigation Advisory Committee. The committee met on June 10, 2021 for our first meeting and drafted the attached CCSD ARPA Mitigation and Prevention Plan. This plan will ultimately replace the district's Smart Start Plan.

**Craig Head Start** - CCSD has completely moved out of the "old" PACE building and Tlingit Haida Central Council has begun moving their supplies and materials into the building. I want to give a big shout out to Zach Scheidecker and our maintenance/custodial crew. They did a fantastic job of helping make this transition as seamless as possible. CCSD and Tlingit Haida Central Council have finalized our food service agreement. Included with this report is the signed Annual Food Service Agreement.

**CES HVAC, Fire Suppression, and ADA Improvements** - CCSD approved a fee proposal from MRV Architects to develop 65% design development documents for our elementary building. The 65% design development fee proposal is for \$115,399 and is being funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) that was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Attached is the signed fee proposal for your review. It is the district's intent to submit this application to DEED in September as a major maintenance grant application.

**CMS ADA and Security Improvements Project** - SCS CSHB 69 was moved from Conference Committee last week and has been transferred to the Alaska House and Senate, at the writing of this report. If approved by both the House and Senate it will be transmitted to the Governor's office for adoption. If SCS CSHB 69 survives the veto pen, especially the Major Maintenance Grant program of the Department of Education and Early Development, the bill has appropriated \$21,642,299 to the Department of Education and Early Development's Major Maintenance Grant program. This would fund the top six projects on the priority list with the CMS Security and ADA Project being ranked #2. This is really good news. What is unclear at this time is how this funding might work given the exponential increases in materials and shipping we are seeing across all construction disciplines. Given what Craig City School District experienced with our CHS Biomass project this spring, I'm nervous that this funding would not come close to what the updated estimated costs might be. Upshot, if ultimately approved, we will move the project to 100% design development documents and see what the construction environment might look like next spring for bidding.

**Staffing** - Given the retirements and personnel shifts the district is experiencing the district has been busy recruiting and interviewing personnel. With these retirements CCSD has some personnel who will be moving into new roles with the district starting next year. Outlined below are the personnel shifts and new staff additions.

- Stacia Schwanke is transitioning from her current CES Title 1/Sped teaching position to the CHS special education teaching position.
- Cindy Glore is transitioning from her current Kindergarten teacher to our CES Title I teaching position. The Title I teaching position is moving to a full FTE utilizing our Title I funding and some of the American Rescue Plan Act funding the district will be receiving.
- Tobias Frieb is transitioning from his current first grade teaching position to the Kindergarten position.
- Pamela Grieve is on tonight's Board Personnel Report with a recommendation to hire for our first grade teaching position.
- Cody Williams is transitioning from his current 4th grade teaching position to the SEALs position. He will work with Julie Graves until her official retirement date at the end of the first quarter.
- Tim Bloodgood is our new 4th grade teacher who is transitioning from the North Slope.
- With Pam Penrose's retirement, Jane Alzner will be our new middle school special education teacher. Jane is joining us from the North Slope.
- With Kim Brand's retirement, Betty Hall will be our new high school principal. Betty is joining us from the Bering Straits School District.
- Kerin Crews is our new PACE Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable Clerk/PACE Finance Coordinator. She has been training with Melinda Bass this month who will be transitioning into the CCSD Business Manager's position upon Cindy Bennett's retirement at the end of September.

This year has been a difficult year from a staffing perspective for the district, especially with our classroom aides and special education aides. The district experienced quite a bit of turnover with our classroom and special education aides this past school year and continues having difficulty finding quality personnel to fill these roles.

### **Communication**

**CCSD August 9, 2021 Board Policy Committee Meeting** – We are scheduled for our next CCSD Board Policy Committee meeting on Monday, August 9 at 4:00pm.

**CCSD August 25 Board Meeting** – We are scheduled for our next CCSD Board meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00pm.