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FOR: School Board Members
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

ESEA Title Review – CCSD has addressed most aspects related to the corrective steps the Department of Education and Early Development noted in the district’s ESEA Title Grant review. There will be some items the district will need to continue addressing in collaboration with DEED during the 2024-2025 school year.

Resource Management

CCSD FY 25 Budget - We still don’t have a sense of where the state will land with funding. HB 268 was transmitted to the Governor and is still awaiting his signature. HB 268 contains \$680 in one-time funding outside the funding formula for education. Once the state operating budget is finalized, CCSD will then have a clearer sense of how the FY 25 budget will need to be adjusted based on state funding in relation to the City’s local contribution. The Governor has until June 28, 2024 to sign off on HB 268. Since our Board meeting is on June 26, 2024, this might be an item that would need to be addressed and finalized in the August 2024 CCSD School Board meeting.

RUS Grant – CCSD has partnered with Hydaburg on a RUS grant that would provide CCSD the opportunity to update our student and staff laptops and update our VTC machines. The district’s responsibility is a 15% match for the funding.

CHS Biomass Project – On Wednesday, June 5, 2024 CCSD finalized our contract with CBC for a total of \$1,084,469.90. Building materials are ordered and should be on site after the 4th of July, minus the dust collector system. The dust collection system still has a significant amount of lead time. At this time it appears that the majority of construction will take place this summer and into September. Once the dust collector system arrives on island it will be installed providing the opportunity for the facility to be available for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

CEMS Rehabilitation Projects – The CEMS Rehabilitation Project is still slated as the #1 priority for FY 25 on DEED’s Major Maintenance Priority List and will receive funding. The Governor still has not signed off on HB 187 that includes \$62.8 million for school major maintenance. Once funding is secured starting in the new fiscal year (July 1), CCSD will need to work with Architects Alaska to ensure all documents are bid ready. Discussions that CCSD has had recently with Architects Alaska is to go out for bid in November 2024 so that once a contractor is secured there is plenty of lead time for materials to be orders for a summer 2025 construction start once school is completed.

Title IA, Title IC, Title IIA, Title IVA, and Carl Perkins Grants – All of CCSD’s Title and Carl Perkins FY 25 grants have been submitted to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for substantial

approval. During July, CCSD's business manager will need to submit the district's final expenditure reports (FERs) for our FY 24 grants. Once the FERs are completed CCSD will receive updated information from DEED regarding our FY 25 funding allotments for these grants and the grants will need to be adjusted for final DEED approval.

Quality Schools Grant and Report – CCSD's FY 25 Quality Schools Grant has been submitted to DEED and our FY 24 Quality Schools Grant Report has been submitted.

CCSD's School Improvement Grant – CCSD's School Improvement Grant has been submitted for approval. The School Improvement Grant is a state grant targeted for PACE to support PACE's efforts to increase the graduation rate of our high school students. Many of our high school student who enroll in PACE are credit deficient when they enroll.

Staff Recruiting for 2024-2025 School Year - CCSD is currently advertising for one certified substitute teacher for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. This advertisement has not received much interest. The district might want to split the advertisement into two separate positions: 1. First quarter middle school social studies teacher, and 2. Second quarter kindergarten teacher

- CMS/CES Long Term Sub – for the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year

Communication

CCSD Superintendent Transition - The incoming CCSD superintendent and current superintendent have met on four different occasions (as of the writing of this report) to support the new superintendent's transition into the position. Meetings have taken place on June 3, 2024; June 6, 2024; June 12, 2024; and June 21, 2024. Topics have included but not been limited to our ESEA grants, property and casualty insurance, PowerSchool support, CCSD's major maintenance and biomass projects, FY 26 budget considerations, staffing issues, classified and certified negotiated agreements, and the need to develop a salary structure for CCSD's principal contracts.