

## **Executive Director Board Report**

## November 28, 2023

- Our 2022-2023 Fiscal Audit is complete and will be presented at the December Board meeting.
- We are beginning the cold and flu season. For the safety of students, SUN was closed to students on 11/20/2023 due to high percentages of students and staff members being symptomatic for suspected Norovirus, COVID-19, and influenza. The rates for student illness were high enough to warrant reporting to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). MDH worked with our nurse on follow-up reporting and next steps, and is taking steps to identify if it was suspected Norovirus. All other schools remained open on that date.
- Wednesday, November 22nd, was scheduled for a Professional Development Day for all CVSEC staff. For the safety of staff and because of high transmission rates of suspected Norovirus, COVID-19, and influenza among staff, we pivoted to a remote Professional Development day. Staff were able to complete training and professional duties.
- Hiring Educational Assistants is complex. We continue to use different avenues to attract staff. We are having limited success and are experiencing more resignations than new hires at this time.
- Hiring staff for our open licensed positions remains challenging. We had an additional teacher resignation in ALEX. We have rearranged classes, teachers, and educational assistant staff to ensure a safe learning environment.
- STEP projections for the following school year(s) remain the same. We are currently finalizing plans for the proposed cost for Phase 1, which is remodeling the current CVSEC footprint to allow for additional accessible bathrooms in STEP and SUN and additional classroom space in STEP.