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FOR: School Board Members  
FROM: Chris Reitan  
DATE: December 15, 2021  
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

## Student Learning

**REWARD Alaska Native Education Program Grant** - CCSD is a partner with Tlingit Haida Central Council, Juneau Borough School District, Hydaburg City School District, Klawock City School District, Southeast Island School District, and Brightways Learning on a three-year U.S. Department of Education Alaska Native Education Program Grant. Tlingit Haida Central Council is the fiscal agent for the grant. We were notified in October about the grant being funded and have had several partner meetings gearing up to implement. The major aspects of the grant objectives are outlined below.

- Yearly Phlight Clubs in Juneau and POW
- Three-year funding for Tlingit Haida Central Council Navigators program
- Monies for students to attend annual AFN Youth and Elders Conference – CCSD will need to coordinate this effort with CTA
- NW and Alaska college and trade school tours
- Technology support for remote learning
- 3 online instructional support program
  - Educate Online
  - Intelligent Tutoring
  - Assessments

**Voices of the Land Alaska Native Education Program Grant** – CCSD in partnership with Sealaska Heritage Institute is also a recipient of another U.S. Department of Education Alaska Native Education Program Grant entitled Sharing our Stories: Voice on the Land. Cody Williams (CES's SEALS instructor) will be working directly with Sealaska Heritage Institute on the grant objectives. The major aspects of the grant are outlined below, and the grant abstract is also attached for your review.

- Develop six art kits
- Develop and deliver three-week residencies in storytelling, performing arts, and digital storytelling
- Develop summer intensive that will be offered in-person and distance.

**Social Studies Curricula Review** - CCSD's K-12 social studies curricula will be reviewed this school year. CCSD is in the process of requesting sample textbooks and resource materials from curricula vendors. Once all of the sample materials have been received CCSD instructional staff will review the material and score each sample textbook with accompanying resource materials with the district's social studies instructional evaluation form and will share this information with the CCSD Social Studies Curriculum Committee (two CCSD Board members are members of this committee) for final review and recommendation to the CCSD Board for adoption. We are anticipating final committee review in April 2022 and a recommendation to the Board for the May 2022 meeting.

## Resource Management

**CCSD Certified Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement** - CCSD's Board Negotiation Committee has been meeting with the Craig Education Association Certified Teacher Negotiating Committee since last spring. The CCSD certified teacher collective bargaining agreement expired on July 1, 2021. The bargaining process came to an impasse, and we have moved to mediation. Mediation began on Thursday, December 9 at 5:30pm with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

**CCSD Food Service 5-Year Review** - By regulation, all Alaska school district's food service programs are to be reviewed by the Department of Education and Early Development every five years. CCSD underwent our five-year review last week. The CCSD food service department scored exceptionally well during their review. There are three items CCSD will need to address in response to the review which are addressed in administrative review corrective action letter was included in the Correspondence section of your Board packet.

**Car for Itinerant Service Providers** - CCSD has contacted Mendenhall Auto Center in Juneau and Basic Transportation in Ketchikan about the possible purchase of a used AWD or FWD vehicle to be used by CCSD's itinerant service providers (school psychologist, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist) when they are on island providing services to Craig, Klawock, and Hydaburg. Currently our itinerant service providers utilize one of our 15 passenger vans when they are on island for transportation to the other POW school districts. This current model of service basically takes one of our vans out of service for student use each time one of our itinerants are on island. Additionally, a 15-passenger van is not the most economical vehicle to be used for daily trips across the island to serve students in other school districts. CCSD provides housing and transportation for itinerant service providers and bills the other school districts for housing and transportation.

**Alaska Teacher Placement Postings** - On Tuesday, November 30, 2021 I reviewed the Alaska Teacher Placement website. Currently, there are approximately 300 certified positions that are unfilled and advertised across the state. CCSD has been very fortunate recently in our certified teacher recruitment and thankfully have been able to fill all certified position openings. However, the state of Alaska is close to crisis mode when it comes to having enough certified applicants for the positions that will be available. I am not anticipating this situation improving and all indicators are pointing towards this issue becoming even more problematic in the future.

- 143 special education or counseling positions
- 48 high school teaching positions
- 73 elementary teaching positions
- 16 middle school teaching positions
- 28 administrative positions

## Communication

**CCSD Alaska Native/Native American Parent Survey** - CCSD requested input/feedback from our Alaska Native/Native American families. The purpose of the survey was to provide the district information about our parents and guardians perspectives about the educational and extra-curricular programs we offer and to ensure our Alaska Native/Native American students have equal access to all educational and extra-curricular programs. This annual survey provides important information back to the district and is a requirement as outlined in our Board adopted Indian Policies and Procedures. Attached for your review are the survey results.

**Native American Heritage Month** - November was Native American Heritage Month. CCSD was pleased to host a Native American Heritage Month celebration on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:00pm in the CHS auditorium. Local elder, Millie Schoonover provided a history of Craig, Ronnie Fairbanks and some of our high school art students displayed student art and sold fry bread as a fundraiser for art festival that is scheduled during spring 2022. Attached for your review is the flyer that advertised our event.

**AASB Training** - CCSD is scheduled for an upcoming AASB training on January 7 and 8. Items that will be addressed during the training are outlined below:

- CCSD's strategic plan.
- CCSD Board Bylaws – Section 9000

- CCSD Board Self-Evaluation
- Board member roles and superintendent roles