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FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
DATE: May 22, 2024
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

ESEA Title Review – CCSD has received our report from the Department of Education and Early Development about our ESEA Title Grant review that outlines corrective steps the district needs to take to ensure all aspects of our Title grant processes are up-to-date. The review with corrective items noted is in the correspondence section of the May 22, 2024 Board packet. I'd like to formally thank Melinda Bass, Betty Hall, David Harris, Christina Woodward, and Mike Hautala for their help and support with this process. It was very labor intensive and will set up CCSD strongly as we begin preparing our Title grant applications for 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. It has been messaged by the Senate, House, and Governor that there will be additional funding for K-12 schools for next year. We are unsure of the exact amount and if it will be embedded within the Base Student Allocation (BSA), provided outside the BSA, or a combination of both. I've been consulting with CCSD Business Manager, Melinda Bass, about this issue because the district is required to approve a balanced budget. My recommendation is that if we have not heard from the Legislature about the final number prior to our May 22 meeting that we balance the budget with some funding from our Capital Projects Fund as a placeholder so that we have a balanced budget. This will be removed once the legislative funding is finalized. Depending on timing we might need to do an amended FY 25 budget during our June 2024 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 Friday, May 10, 2024 at 2:00pm, CCSD received bids for the Craig High School New Shop Building Project. A total of 2 bids were received. All bids included the required submittal items, acknowledged receipt of all addenda, and appeared to be responsive bids. After evaluating the received bids the bid submitted by CBC Construction for the total bid amount of \$1,084,469.90 is determined to be the lowest bid. A copy of the bid tally is included for your reference. Craig City School District's available funding for the project is sufficient to award the project. Funding for the project will come from two sources:

1. \$900,000 USDA grant funding through Southeast Conference that is the fiscal agent for this funding, and
2. \$200,000 Denali Commission Biomass Gap Funding Grant that the district was awarded this spring from our December 2023 application.

Please note, that in accordance with State of Alaska requirements, Notice of Award will not be issued until the expiration of a ten (10) day protest period which ends at 2:00pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

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. 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 and go out for bid early in the spring of 2025 for a summer 2025 construction start.

Staff Recruiting for 2024-2025 School Year - CCSD is currently advertising one full-time certified position on the Alaska Teacher Placement website and CCSD webpage and one certified substitute teacher for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Communication

CCSD Board Policy Meeting - The CCSD Board Policy meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:15pm was cancelled. The agenda for this meeting will be moved to our June 2024 meeting.

AASB School Climate and Connectedness Survey Data - CCSD received our School Climate and Connectedness Survey data recently. There is a lot worth celebrating within the survey data. CCSD has made significant strides with noticeable survey data improvement on most of the items noted in the survey.