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FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

August 26 and 27 In-service - CCSD continues our preparations for the start of a new school year which is kicked off tomorrow with our August 26 and 27 when all staff return to work.

Canvas Learning Management System - Last year, CCSD partnered with the state provided Canvas Learning Management System to support our students and staff in the event we needed to move to distance education. What we learned last year is that Canvas provides a uniform portal for students to access all of their classes. It worked better with our middle and high school students than it did with our elementary students. It also is a great tool for our secondary students to stay connected with their classes if traveling for sports, other school activities, or for extended family trips. Alaska has renewed their contract with Canvas for two more years with all the services and products that we had access to during the 2020-2021 school year. CCSD will continue our partnership with Canvas for our secondary students and staff members. Chasina Worman is our new Canvas Principal Learning Consultant. Chasina is from Ketchikan and knows our district well. She will be a great resource as we continue improving our utilization of Canvas. She has previously supported CCSD with our utilization of PowerSchool, which is our electronic student management system.

CCSD K-12 ELA Curricula - During the 2021-22 school year, CCSD will begin utilizing our new ELA curricula. As a reminder, during the May 2021 Board meeting, the CCSD Board approved Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading for our kindergarten through 5th grade students, and Carnegie Learning, Mirrors and Windows for our 6th through 12th grade students. During our August 26 and 27 in-service, CCSD's elementary and secondary ELA teachers will be engaged in professional development focused on the utilization and implementation of our new ELA curricula. I've also emailed our parents with information about our new ELA curricula and offered them the opportunity to review the new ELA curricula prior to the start of the new school year.

New Staff Voluntary Orientation - Julie Yates, CCSD's Southeast Alaska Lifestyles instructor, developed a 1/2 day orientation for new staff on August 25. This was a voluntary/paid orientation and provided our new staff the opportunity to get to know our island, community, and our new staff members a little better before the start of school. CCSD is extremely appreciative that Julie was willing to develop and facilitate this orientation for our new staff members.

Resource Management

FY 21 Audit - CCSD's auditors, Altman Rogers and Company, visited Craig from Monday, August 9 - Friday, August 13 for our FY 21 audit. We are expecting that audit to be publicly available in November agenda for final Board action on the FY 21 budget.

Craig Head Start - As noted in previous communications, CCSD is excited to be able to partner with Craig Head Start more deliberately as they continue their move onto the CEMS campus. Craig Head Start services will start on Wednesday, September 1 which is the same start date for CCSD students,

Communication

CCSD Board Continuing Education Scholarship – CCSD received two applications for the CCSD Board Continuing Education Scholarship. During the April 28, 2021 CCSD Board meeting, the Board approved the payment of one \$500 scholarship to the highest scoring applicant.

CCSD September 13, 2021 Board Policy Committee Meeting – We are scheduled for our next CCSD Board Policy Committee meeting on Monday, September 13 at 4:00pm. Attached is the draft public notice for this meeting. Please note that Board President, Scott Brookshire, has requested that BP/AR 6144 be brought forward to the Board Policy Committee and then as an agenda item during our September Board meeting.

Travels - Please note that I will be off island from August 27 through September 1. My youngest daughter is graduating from college. During my travels I will be checking my email daily and I can always be reached on my cell phone.