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FOR: School Board Members  
FROM: Chris Reitan  
DATE: May 25, 2022  
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

## Student Learning

**Social Studies Curriculum Update** - The elementary, middle school, and high school social studies teachers have been reviewing textbook and electronic resources this past year provided by social studies curriculum vendors to update CCSD's social studies elementary, middle, and high school textbook series. The committee has not determined that there is a new/updated textbook series with electronic supplemental material that would better meet the learning needs of our students. At this time there will be no recommendation for purchasing a new textbook series. Committee members have shared concerns that quite a bit of our reference materials related to Alaska History/Studies is outdated and are still reviewing if there is good material to update our Alaska History/Studies curriculum materials.

## Resource Management

**CCSD Certified Instructional Recruitment for 2022-2023 School Year** - CCSD is currently advertising for one certified teaching positions for the 2022-2023 school year.

- CES .5 Special Education Teacher

**CCSD Classified Staff Recruitment for 2022-2023 School Year** - CCSD has offered letters of intent for our classified hourly staff for the 2022-2023 school year. The district is really concerned regarding our food service operations for the 2022-2023 school year. Earlier this spring CCSD received a notification that one of our food service personnel will be retiring at the end of the school year. We have also received resignation letters from two other food service employees. One resignation is for the end of the school year. The other resignation was for May 3, 2022. All positions have been advertised. Given the difficulty of hiring new employees during our current times the district is concerned about being able to provide a fully staffed food service department for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Craig High School Biomass Project** - CCSD continues working through all the steps to secure additional funding for the Craig Biomass Project through a grant application with the USDA - Rural Development. USDA - Rural Development is managing the monies that were appropriated for CCSD through the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy (SASS) that CCSD applied for. We were fortunate that Natalie Wagner from USDA - Rural Development, who reviews environmental impact reports for USDA, was on the island on Thursday, May 12, following up on other USDA projects on the island. We were able to meet at the high school and I was able to give her a tour of the area that is designated for development for our biomass project. Based on this review, CCSD will still need to conduct an environmental review of the project, but the requirements of the review will not be as intensive since no wetlands are being disturbed and that the project is being built on land that has been previously disturbed with the development of CHS and the Tanner Crab subdivision. CCSD has contacted Kai

Environmental who does a lot of work on the island for a fee proposal for environmental review requirements of the grant application.

**Department of Education and Early Development Major Maintenance Grant Fund** – At the writing of this report funding for DEED’s Major Maintenance projects, \$100 million was approved by the Senate/House Conference Committee for DEED’s Major Maintenance Grant funding. Ultimately both the House and Senate will need to approve the FY 23 operating and capital budgets.

I called Tim Mearig with DEED Facilities to discuss the \$100 million that is currently appropriated in CS HB 281 for DEED Major Maintenance. I shared with him my concern that if the funding is allocated down to project #54 which would cover all projects within the \$100 million estimated costs on DEED’s Major Maintenance FY 23 Priority List that there is no way any of the projects would be able to move forward based on what we are seeing due to inflationary costs. Tim Mearig indicated that they have had some discussions within the Department about options to handle this funding if it is ultimately appropriated. He stated that if the final appropriation lists the projects by name down to #54 that the Department would have no flexibility in how to manage the funds. The funds would be allocated specifically to each project. However, if the final appropriation just lists the amount of funding the Department would have more flexibility in how they could appropriate for projects to get completed. CS HB 281 currently denotes a \$100 million appropriation to DEED’s Major Maintenance grant fund. At this time, I’m feeling relatively comfortable that CCSD will receive funding for these projects. I believe both the House and Senate will agree on the \$100 million funding for DEED’s Major Maintenance Priority List. It will still need to survive the Governor’s line-item veto authority.

I will have updated information available for the Board during our May 25, 2022 Board meeting.

## **Communication**

**CCSD Board Policy Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022** - The CCSD Board Policy Committee will meet on Monday, June 13, 2022 to continue review Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Exhibits from Section 6000 – Instruction.