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

Student Learning

March 11 and 12 CCSD In-Service - CCSD's conducted our March in-service on March 11 and 12. Our in-service focused on three major strands:

- Training with PowerSchool Special Programs for our special education teachers, counselors, and CCSD admin to support our transition from our current special education electronic student database to the PowerSchool Special Programs electronic student database.
- Differentiated instructional strategies within math for our elementary teachers and our secondary math teachers - ensuring that we are growing in our skills and knowledge to tailor our math instruction to meet the individual needs of our students through our math content and instructional processes. This work aligns with the CCSD Strategic Plan for the district to grow into more trauma informed and culturally responsive practices.
- Evidence based instructional strategies with English/Language Arts to help students access texts - ensuring that we are growing in our skills and knowledge to tailor our ELA instruction to meet the individual needs of our students through our ELA content and instructional processes. This work aligns with the CCSD Strategic Plan for the district to grow into more trauma informed and culturally responsive practices.

ELA Curriculum Review – CCSD is still reviewing our sample K-12 English/Language Arts curriculum. Our elementary teachers and secondary ELA teachers have been working through one sample curriculum during our Friday early release time and will complete an instructional evaluation tool for each curriculum they review. The instructional evaluation tools will be brought forward to the CCSD ELA Curriculum Committee when the committee convenes. At this time we are tentatively scheduling Friday, April 16 to convene the CCSD Curriculum Committee to review the ELA instructional evaluation forms and make a recommendation to the CCSD Board for ELA curriculum adoption.

Resource Management

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSA) – The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), was signed into law on December 27, 2020. CCSD will receive \$260,807 in additional funding to support costs associated with planning for and responding to the COVID pandemic. CCSD submitted a grant application to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) which was approved by DEED for the CRRSA funding for a condition survey, design development

documents, and construction monies for improvements to the CES HVAC system to increase ventilation and air quality.

Negotiations - The CCSD Board Negotiations Committee continues to meet with the CEA Classified Hourly Negotiation Committee for mediation. Additionally the CCSD Board Negotiations Committee has met with the CEA Certified Negotiation Committee three times to date as of the writing of this report.

Funding for Correspondence Programs - Governor Dunleavy submitted SB 58 that would substantially increase funding for homeschool/correspondence students. The bill increases funding by approximately 35% by making three major shifts.

- Move homeschool correspondence funding from .9 of the BSA (\$5377) to 1.0 of the BSA (\$5930).
- Add a .2 special education cost factor
- Add a .015 CTE factor.

The bill was heard for the first time in the Senate Education Committee on Friday, March 5.

CHS Biomass Project - The CHS Biomass Project bid process closed on Friday, March 5 at 2:00pm. Unfortunately, CCSD received one qualified bid for a total project sum of \$1,531,078. Currently the district has funding for \$833,913. This information has been shared with the Alaska Energy Authority. At this time, I'm not sensing that we will be able to advance this project as it is currently positioned.

Communication

POW Medical Stakeholders Meeting - I have been involved with the POW Medical Stakeholders meeting that takes place every two weeks with the City of Craig, SEARHC, PEACE Health, Craig Public Health, and the POW superintendents. During our last meeting (Wednesday, March 10) we discussed the following items:

- 1300 island residents are fully vaccinated
- 1000 island residents have received their first vaccination dose
- SEARHC is setting up a teen vaccination clinic
- 51% of island residents (ages 16 and up) are fully vaccinated.
- 49% of the island remains unvaccinated

COVID PCR Testing for High School Wrestling – CCSD has been in discussions with SEARHC and the City of Craig regarding testing protocols for high school wrestling. SEARHC has the capacity to test our high school wrestlers and coaches as a protective mitigation protocol prior to any travel for a wrestling event. The City of Craig has access to funding for testing and vaccination that would cover the costs of these tests.

- CCSD will need to sign a testing agreement with SEARHC.
- Students (with parent signature) and coaches will need to complete two required forms, a demographics form and a waiver allowing the results to be released to the district.

- CCSD will establish a Monday afternoon test schedule for all students and coaches the week of travel so that test results can be returned in adequate time prior to any scheduled travel or event.
- CCSD will be billed monthly by SEARHC for testing and processing. CCSD will be reimbursed by the City via the testing and vaccination funding they have received.