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FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
DATE: February 22, 2023
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

March 9 and 10, 2023 In-service - The CCSD administrative team is in the process of developing the outcomes and objectives for our March 9 and 10, 2023 in-service. Items that will be addressed include the following bulleted list. The CCSD administrative team is also determining additional supports we might need to address to better support our CCSD instructional and support staff.

- CCSD Strategic Plan Development
- Tyler Technology School ERP Pro - CCSD's new personnel and business employee software
- Development of the 2023-2024 school calendars
- Update on CMS and CES Rehabilitation Projects as well as the CHS Biomass Project
- AK Stars and PEAKs Science Assessments Training and Protocols
- CCSD Emergency Operations Procedures
- First aid/CPR certification

Succeed Grant and SOAR Grant – SISD, Klawock City School District, Hydaburg City School District, and CCSD have been awarded two Alaska Native Education Program (ANEP) Grants. ANEP grants are administered through the U.S. Department of Education

The Succeed Grant provides the following supports for CCSD students and staff members:

- PHlight Clubs
- PHlight Camps
- Education Professional Development that includes Resilient Educator and Culturally Responsive Instruction
- Post-Secondary Explorations
- College course fee coverage

The Project SOAR grant provides the following supports for CCSD students and staff members:

- Additional CTE instructional supplies
- ZSpace virtual welding units
- Resume building support for island students
- College and career exploration support

Alaska Science Assessment and AK STAR Assessment – The testing window for our Alaska Science Assessment and AK STAR Assessment is from March 27 – April 28, 2023. CES, CMS, and CHS will be developing their testing dates soon.

Resource Management

Staffing for the 2023-2024 School Year - Outlined below is an update about where CCSD currently stands with our certified staffing needs for next school year (as of the writing of this report on Wednesday, February 15, 2023).

- CHS Science and Math Teaching Position - Position offered and accepted by Stephen DeHart.
- CES 1st Grade Teaching Position – Position offered and accepted by Grace Beckman
- CES Special Education Teaching Position - CCSD made an offer for the position. The candidate declined the offer. The position remains advertised.
- CMS/CHS PE and Health Teacher – CCSD has made two offers for the position; both offers have been declined. The position remains advertised.
- CCSD Title 1 Teacher and District Test Coordinator - Due to a retirement on our staff, CCSD has posted our CCSD Title 1 Teacher and District Test Coordinator position internally. One CCSD staff member has expressed interest and has been moved forward to the interview committee.

AS 14.17.430 State Funding for Correspondence Study – Included with this report is the joint letter CCSD developed in collaboration with six other superintendents who have districts with statewide correspondence/homeschool programs like PACE. The joint letter and our respective resolutions were shared with the members from the House Education Committee, Senate Education Committee, Senator Stedman, and Representative Himschoot. CCSD had a phone meeting with Representative Himschoot on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 to discuss this request and to determine next steps.

Classified Hourly Negotiations - Craig Education Association provided official notice opening negotiations on a successor agreement and initially indicated they were available the week of February 13 to meet. CEA has stated they are now available either the week of March 6 or March 13. The CCSD Board Negotiations Committee has informed CEA that either the week of March 6 or March 13 can work for the CCSD Board Negotiations Committee. At this point the ball is in CEA's court regarding finalizing dates to initiate bargaining of a successor agreement.

Senate Bill 52 - The Senate Education Committee has introduced SB 52 that would provide a substantial increase to the Base Student Allocation. funding. The Bill would increase the BSA \$1000 above the amount Alaska school districts received this year. SB 52 has already been heard in Senate Education Committee and testimony has been provided by the Alaska Association of School Boards and other statewide educational associations.

CHS Biomass Project - R&M Engineering, Ketchikan Inc. and Cushing Terrell are in the process of updating our design and bid documents based on information shared by Biomass Systems Supply (our vendor for our Twin Heat Biomass Boiler). Southeast Conference is also still working on the final details to free up the money. We are still planning on going out for bid later this month. The Twin Heat Biomass Boiler has arrived on island and has been staged at CHS.

CCSD Bus Transportation Services - This has been a difficult year for CCSD bus transportation services. In September one of our busses was totaled and now our two remaining main busses are experiencing major issues with their emission control systems. They are down indefinitely until the appropriate parts and systems can be ordered, shipped, and installed. CCSD is currently utilizing our one remaining small bus for the PSN bus run. SISD has been a great island partner and CCSD has leased a bus from SISD to provide bus service for our

Hollis/Klawock students. CCSD is currently operating two bus routes daily (PSN and Hollis/Klawock).

Communication

CCSD Internal Communication Survey - Our internal communication survey that is being facilitated by SERRC closed on Tuesday, February 7. All staff were emailed the link to the survey on January 24 with follow-up email reminders on January 30 and February 6. 28 responses out of 77 CCSD staff members were returned for a 36.36% return rate. Melissa Griffiths (SERRC) who is facilitating this survey is now tabulating the results and working on our report. She indicated in an email that she will need at least 3 weeks to finalize the work to then be able to share with the CCSD Board. Once the Board has had the opportunity to review, I'd recommend we share the survey results and report to all CCSD staff members.

Alaska Native and American Indian Parent Survey – CCSD annually surveys the parents of our Alaska Native and American Indian students to gain their perspectives about the quality of our district's curricular and extra-curricular options. The results of the survey are annually shared with the CCSD School Board and CTA. CCSD emailed 113 emails of parents with Alaska Native or American Indian students in their household. CCSD received three surveys back for a return rate of 2.6%. Included with this report our Alaska Native and American Indian Parent Survey results.

Alaska Statewide Family Engagement Grant - The Association of Alaska School Boards was awarded an Alaska Statewide Family Engagement Grant. Fourteen school districts, spanning 203 schools across the state, signed on to access professional learning and support from AASB and the Alaska Statewide Family Engagement Center (ASFEC) partners. These include Aleutians East, Anchorage, Bering Strait, Bristol Bay, Craig City, Dillingham City, Juneau Borough, Kake City, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, Nome Public, Northwest Arctic Borough, Saint Mary's, and Yukon Flats. The grant aligns with AASB's long commitment to strengthening family/school partnerships and increasing equity-centered practices to improve student outcomes, it also aligns well with some of the objectives and goal areas associated with our strategic plan. CCSD attended virtual training scheduled on February 15 with a follow-up in-person training on April 27. CCSD has five staff members and parents committed at this time to support our work in these areas (Aubrey Gamble, Betty Hall, April Hoy, Melissa Peavey, and Chris Reitan).

CCSD Indigenous Education Committee Meeting - CCSD's next Indigenous Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 4:30pm. Attached is the Public Notice for the meeting as well as the summary from the February 7 meeting.

CCSD Board Policy Committee Meeting – CCSD's next Board Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023 at 1:00pm. Attached is the Public Notice for the meeting.