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# CCSD Superintendent Report

## October 2024

Congratulations to Aulis Nelson, CHS Sophomore, and Division III Alaska State Cross Country Champion!

### CCSD Appreciations

- Thank you to Tobias Frieb, CMS AD, for his leadership and organization of CEMS's Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 21st. The meet was well organized and a success! In addition, thank you to all coaches, volunteers, and of course our fans for their time and support during the meet as well.
- A sincere thank you to Melissa Bean for donating water to our schools during the City of Craig's Boil Water Notice. We also appreciate the Prince of Wales Health Network and Community Connections for providing water bottles to all CES students in grades K-5 and to Southeast Road Builders for supplying Halloween safety gear. A special thanks to Jeannie Rogan for her generous donation of fresh ground coffee for the CES, CMS, and CHS staff.
- A BIG thank you to CCSD Staff & Students for the thoughtful Boss's Day celebrations and recognition. The kind gestures, warm messages, and effort put into making the day special were unexpected and truly appreciated. I'm grateful to work with such a dedicated and supportive team!

### CCSD Finances/Budget

- I am happy to report that Proposition Number 2 in the City of Craig's Municipal Election passed on October 3, 2024. Starting January 1, 2025, the City of Craig will increase its sales tax from 5% to 7% between April 1st and September 30th, and from 5% to 6% between October 1st and March 31st. The additional revenue from this increase will be dedicated to funding the Craig City School District. Additionally, the City of Craig is funding the entire participating share (\$1,838,523) of the CIP Major Maintenance / CEMS Rehab Project. Funding for this project was unanimously approved by the City Council on October 3, 2024 and will be drawn from the City's of Craig's School Reserve Account. Both actions prove to be fantastic news for our students and a big win for the quality of education we provide at CCSD. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together to support our schools - definitely a reason to celebrate!
- With the end of Alaska's Count Period rapidly approaching (10/25/24), I wanted to provide the Board with some information about CCSD's projected count. I note "projected" as these numbers do not take into consideration deduplication efforts undertaken by the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) or whether or not the intensive claims submitted are actually approved.
  - CES- Projected @ 79.4
  - CMS- Projected @ 51.95
  - CHS- Projected @ 65.6
  - PACE- Projected @ 434.96
    - CCSD Total Enrollment- Projected @ 631.91
    - CCSD Intensive Claims- Projected @ 7
- As a reminder, last year CCSD submitted an FY25 Projected ADM totaling 677-students. Compared to CCSD's current projected count of 631-students, this is a difference of 46-students. With Alaska's Base Student Allocation (BSA) set at \$5,960, the total funds lost due to the reduction of 46-students amounts to \$274,160.

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- Additionally, with CCSD's previously submitted FY25 Projected ADM of 677-students, the one-time funding (set at \$680) was potentially projected to provide CCSD with an additional \$460,360 (\$671,540, including foundation formula factors). Given CCSD's current projected count of 631 students, this projection is currently estimated at \$429,080. While this amount doesn't take into consideration any foundation formula factors, there is a net decrease of \$31,280.

## CCSD Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Please join me in welcoming the following staff to CCSD: Ms. Sunny Young (Speech & Language Pathologist, NLST) & Mr. Chuck Hanson (Kindergarten Long Term Substitute). Please note, CCSD has extended a Letter of Intent for the PACE Administrative Assistant (ANC) position.
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: Temporary PACE Administrative Assistant/Grad Coach (KTN/Craig), CEMS Special Education Paraprofessional, and Assistant Maintenance/Bus Driver.

## CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- CCSD has an upcoming In-service Day scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2024.
- To further my commitment of being fiscally responsible, I have arranged for staff to receive professional development with regard to youth brain injury via Zoom. In addition to dedicating time to an all staff wellness activity as well as time for CCSD Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to continue their committee work, staff will participate in an interactive training covering the fundamentals of brain injuries and their impact on developing brains. Additionally, staff will learn evidence based methods to improve behavioral, educational, and psychosocial outcomes for students with brain injury including those returning to school following concussion.
- Principals will also have time to address any building-level needs and meetings, as will teachers and paraprofessionals, to finalize grades and reports, plan for the new quarter, complete annual trainings, and/or develop lesson plans, among other tasks.
- I am looking forward to a productive, educational In-service Day where we are able to share ideas, enhance our skills, and collaborate for the benefit of our students.

## CCSD Special Programs

- Attached in addition to this report are the results from CCSD's Special Education Compliance Review conducted in September. The letter received from the Alaska State Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) outlines the following documents:
  - The Students Reviewed & Identified Specific Instances of Non-Compliance Report
  - Student Statistical Data Report
  - Comprehensive Student Monitoring Report
  - Guide to Systemic Errors and Specific Errors
  - Plan of Correction and Improvement
- Given the confidential nature of the reports listed above, I have only attached the Compliance Results Letter and the Plan for Correction and Improvement Notice for the Board's review.
- I will be working with our Special Education Teachers to address and correct the deficiencies outlined in the Plan for Correction and Improvement as well as will submit and coordinate/lead the mandatory District Trainings.

- I'm pleased to share that Next Level Speech Therapy (NLST) has secured a virtual Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP) to provide virtual speech and language services to CCSD students in need of speech/language support. Ms. Sunny Young, SLP, has begun employment with CCSD, effective October 7th, 2024. If a child qualifies for speech/language services, Ms. Young, SLP, will work with them to address specific communication needs, helping improve their speech and language skills.
- Currently, under 20-hours a week of speech/language services are estimated at CCSD. CCSD secured Ms. Young's services at 32-hours per week. At 32-hours per week, CCSD will have the flexibility to compact service time. Furthermore, while "compacted service time" could technically be "made-up" by the end of November, CCSD is committed to supporting the success of our children and will continue speech/language services at 32-hours a week for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Last, but not least, I'm currently exploring Mandt training opportunities for our special education teachers and paraprofessionals. The intent being to enhance skills in managing challenging student behaviors and promoting a positive learning environment.

## CCSD Projects

### CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- The new shop project is coming along and of recent has been dried in with work now focused on the inside of the shop building. As the project continues to move forward, I continue to work with Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) on the Grant Agreement Amendment. In an effort to help reduce the overall costs of each project, I am attempting to work with AEA to combine the two (2) separate projects (new shop & biomass boiler) into one (1) single project.
- To date CCSD has paid and submitted for reimbursement both CBC's first (\$172,481.52) and second (\$148,470.66) pay applications for the CHS New Shop Project. CCSD has received the first pay app reimbursement (\$172,481.52) from South East Conference, but not the second one yet.

### CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- With the City of Craig funding the entire participating share (\$1,838,523) of the CIP Major Maintenance/CEMS Rehab Project, I have signed the following documents on behalf of CCSD:
  - CEMS Rehabilitation Project Supplemental Funding (Amendment for GR 23-003 & GR 25-003)
  - SERRC Proposal for Project Administration Services of CEMS Rehabilitation Project
- As a reminder, the documents noted above were approved by the Board during the September 18th Board Meeting.
- I have a Zoom Meeting scheduled with David Moore from Architects Alaska as well as with SERRC Project Administrators, David Landis and Chris Giron, on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 to discuss CEMS Rehabilitation Project bidding and next steps.

## Current/Upcoming District Events

- October 14th: Policy Committee Meeting
- October 15th: Indigenous Education Committee Meeting (Notes Attached to Report)
- October 15th: DEED Fall Staff Accounting Data Collection Due
- October 16th: Title I Schoolwide Team Meeting
- October 25th: End of Quarter 1

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- October 29th: Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
  - October 30th: October Regular Board Meeting
  - November 1st: In-service Day (no school)
  - November 5th: Projected AADM Report Due
  - November 15th: CES Youth Gathering & Cultural Day & DEED Audit Due
  - November 18th: Report Card to the Public Due
  - November 27-29th: Thanksgiving Break (no school)

\*\*\*Please be sure to check CCSD's Website for dates of events and activities for CES, CMS, and CHS!