

CCSD Superintendent Report

March 2025

CCSD Appreciations

- Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day was on Friday, March 7th. On behalf of CCSD, I would like to thank Mr. Daniel Nelson and Mr. Brent O'Connor for their hard work and dedication to our facilities. Their efforts keep our schools safe and running smoothly. We truly appreciate all they do for us!
- As CCSD's extra-curricular activities come to a close this year, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to ALL CCSD Class Advisors and Coaches for the countless hours dedicated to supporting our students. Your commitment to advising, coaching, guiding, and mentoring helps shape our students' skills, character, and confidence. CCSD's school community is stronger because of you; hence, thank you for all you do!

CCSD Finances/Budget

- CCSD has received the second and final payment of the FY 2025 one-time supplemental funding, totaling \$256,549. In total, CCSD received \$586,400 from this funding, which was approximately \$85,000 less than projected in the FY25 Board Approved Budget.
- As the Board may recall, CCSD's FY25 projected ADM was 677 students, but the current count stands at 631, a difference of 46 students. Given this, please remember to anticipate a reduction in CCSD's FY25 foundation and one-time supplemental funding.
- That said, now that the one-time supplemental funding has been provided by the state, CCSD has requested the remaining Required Local Contribution (RLC) balance from the City of Craig. As a reminder, the agreement between the City of Craig and CCSD was that the one-time, supplemental funding be deducted from the RLC. The RLC balance due from the City of Craig is \$542,698, please see below for details.

Original Agreed-Upon Amount:	\$1,586,656.00
Minus one-time funding payment 1 of 2 from DEED	\$329,851.00
Minus one-time funding payment 2 of 2 from DEED	\$256,549.00
Total FY25 Contribution from City of Craig:	\$1,000,256.00
Minus City of Craig payment on 8/28/24:	\$457,558.00
Balance due from City of Craig:	\$542,698.00

- In working on the preliminary FY 2026 General Operating Budget, I want to provide the Board with a heads up of CCSD's budget development and recommendations for next year.
- Due to declining enrollment, I am recommending a reduction of one teaching position in the elementary school next year. This adjustment will be made through attrition. Currently, we have a teacher employed under temporary SB 185 status, whose last day with CCSD is June 6, 2025. That position will not be refilled.
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- Additionally, it is my recommendation to close our PACE Office in Ketchikan. Please note, no staff will be impacted by this closure. All employees will remain in their roles through June 30th, after which the office would officially close. CCSD will be committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will provide any necessary support during this process.
 - CCSD is planning to hold a FY26 Budget Committee Meeting the week of March 31st. After that committee meeting, I would like to propose a CCSD School Board Work Session to discuss FY26 Budget Development in further detail the week of April 7th.
 - As an FYI, Melinda and I have been working on submitting previously missing documents to the Department of Education & Early Development for the CEMS Rehabilitation Project. Progress is being made, and we recently received a check for \$2,689,962.60. This amount will be deposited into CCSD's Capital Projects Account, along with the previously issued \$778,533, bringing the total received to date to \$3,468,495.60, all designated for the CEMS Rehab Project.

Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Please make note that Ms. Tricia Stock requested and was granted reassignment to the Title I / District Testing Coordinator position and Ms. Grace Beckman to the Primary/Kindergarten position.
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: PACE Statewide Homeschool Teacher, PACE Administrative Assistant (Part Time), High School English/Language Arts Teacher (*Willingness to teach SS or Other Content Areas), K-12 Health/PE Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher, MS Mathematics Teacher.

CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- As the Board may recall, a CCSD Social Studies Curriculum Committee meeting was held after our last Regular School Board Meeting to review and discuss the state's recent adoption of Social Studies Standards.
- The committee collaboratively discussed the instructional shifts CCSD needs to consider given the adoption of these new standards. For more information please see the following Social Studies Toolkit below. Two (2) additional curriculum committee meetings in March & May are scheduled this year to continue our work on this initiative.
- **Information/Links - Social Studies Toolkit**
- On December 5, 2024, the Alaska Board of Education adopted the new [Alaska Social Studies Standards](#).
- Toolkit materials and other resources to support the rollout of the newly adopted Alaska Social Studies Standards are now available at <https://education.alaska.gov/standards/social>.

CCSD Special Programs

- Great news! CCSD is in compliance with Special Education and was leading the pack as well as ahead of schedule! A confirmation letter from the Department of Education & Early Development verifying compliance is included under the Correspondence section of the March Board Packet.
- A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Special Education Teachers - Ms. Marsha Browder, Ms. Pam Penrose, and Ms. Bobbie Duerksen - for their hard work and meticulous attention to paperwork details! Each of their efforts have been instrumental in helping CCSD regain compliance within our Special Education Department.

- I have submitted the reports required under Post-School Outcomes (Indicator 14) and Parent Involvement (Indicator 8) to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) as part of Alaska’s State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report.
- Included on the March Board Agenda as Memo 10f is CCSD’s SERRC POW Merge Contract for Related Services for the 2025-2026 school year. Please review the details and know that I’ll be happy to answer any questions once we reach that item during our meeting.

CCSD Projects

CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- Included on the March Board Agenda are Memo 10d, titled CHS New Shop/Biomass Project & Alaska Energy Authority Grant Agreement Amendment, and Memo 10e, titled CHS New Shop/Biomass Project & Alaska Energy Authority Force Account Labor. Both of these memos directly relate to the CHS New Shop/Biomass Project and serve as updates to this project. Please review the details and know that I’ll be happy to answer any questions once we reach that item during our meeting.

CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- After the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, CCSD entered a construction contract with McG Constructors.
- On Friday, March 14, 2025, Mr. Daniel Nelson & I held a preconstruction meeting with Alaska Architects, McG Constructors, and MRV Architects to discuss the CEMS Rehabilitation Project.
- During the meeting, we focused on a few key topics, including the project schedule, the first day for access to the school site, staging, and substantial completion for the elementary school. These discussions have helped CCSD move forward with the project.
- McG Constructors plan on making a site visit to CCSD on Wednesday, April 3, 2025 to assess both the CES and CMS. This visit will help McG Constructors assess the project site and identify any area-specific needs for CCSD as we move forward with the next phases of the project.

Current/Upcoming District Events

- March 24th: CCSD Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
- March 24th: AK Star Testing Window Opens
- March 26th: CCSD Regular School Board Meeting
- March 27th: CCSD Curriculum Committee Meeting
- March 28-April 2nd: Jackie @ ACSA Legislative Fly-In
- April 2nd: CCSD Vision & Hearing Screenings
- April 3rd: McG Constructors Site Visit @ CCSD
- April 7th: CCSD Budget Committee Meeting (tentative)
- April 7th: CCSD Policy Committee Meeting
- April 9th: Joint City & CCSD School Board FY26 Budget Work Session (tentative)
- April 18th: CMS & CHS Youth Gathering & Cultural Day
- April 25th: AK Star Testing Window Closes

*Please be sure to check CCSD’s Website for specific dates of events and activities at CES, CMS, and CHS.