
CCSD Superintendent Report

October 2025

CCSD Appreciations

- A huge thank you to CCSD staff and students for the thoughtful Boss's Day recognition! Your kind words and gestures made my day truly special. I'm grateful to work with such a dedicated and supportive team!
- Thank you to Mike Nelson, CMS AD, for coordinating and organizing the CMS Boys and Girls Basketball Games last weekend. Metlakatla and all our POW Island teams enjoyed a full evening and day of games from Friday, October 17, through Saturday, October 18, 2025.

CCSD Finances/Budget

- With the end of Alaska's Count Period rapidly approaching (10/24/25), 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 @ 87 (1 FTE = PreK)
 - CMS: Projected @ 44
 - CHS: Projected @ 76
 - PACE: Projected @ 385.25
 - CCSD Total Enrollment- Projected @ 592.25
 - CCSD Intensive Claims- Projected @ 7 (with a possible 4-more)
- As a reminder, last year CCSD submitted a projected FY26 ADM of 630 students. Our current projection is 592.25 students - a **decrease** of about **38 students**. While brick-and-mortar enrollment is up, PACE enrollment is down by roughly 45 FTE. The impact on foundation funding remains uncertain until our intensive claims are reviewed; we are currently projecting four (4) additional intensive claims for FY26.
- As the Board may recall, CCSD partnered with KCSD (Klawock) and SISD (Southeast Island) on the SOAR UP NYCP grant. Per Superintendent Holien, we received formal news that we were recently awarded a 5-year grant of \$500,000 per year! This grant program will be similar to the previous SOAR initiative, which supports Career and Technical Education (CTE). I will keep the Board informed as I learn more. Superintendent Holien is hopeful we may be able to begin implementation by the second semester (this year).
- In addition, the History Grant, submitted collaboratively by CCSD, KCSD, SISD, and SSD (Sitka) through the National Performance for Education, has also been funded. This grant will provide dedicated history training for both staff and administrators, further supporting instructional development across the partner districts.

CCSD Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Please join me in welcoming the following staff to CCSD: Ms. Kayla Canada (CEMS Special Education Paraprofessional), Mr. Chuck Hanson (K-12 Health & PE Long Term Substitute - began 10/13/25), and Ms. Marilyn Ensign (CCSD Accounts Payable/PACE Financial Coordinator). In addition, Mr. Thomas Mills will fill CCSD's CMS Head Basketball Coach position and Mr. Devonte Chatman will fill our CMS Assistant Basketball position.
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: CCSD Migrant Tutor, CMS Assistant Wrestling Coach

CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- On Friday, October 31, 2025, educators from across Prince of Wales Island will gather at Craig High School for our first POW Island-Wide Inservice in over 20-years. This event offers a valuable opportunity for professional collaboration, networking, and shared learning across our island school districts.
- As mentioned in my September Board Report last month, we are exploring a partnership with the Kagan Group (www.kaganonline.com), a nationally recognized organization specializing in cooperative learning structures that boost student engagement and achievement. Kagan's practical, research-based strategies support collaboration, equity, and active learning in classrooms. Additional sessions will include:
 - Literacy Lessons with Full-Color Webs of Support
 - New Visions Arts Integration - Elementary/Secondary
 - QPR (Suicide Prevention Training)
- I look forward to a productive, educational POW Island-wide In-service Day filled with shared ideas, skill-building, networking, and collaboration for the benefit of all island students.

CCSD Special Programs

- The OASIS data collection for Special Education has been completed and submitted. This data provides the foundation for accurate reporting to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and supports the District's compliance with state and federal requirements. In addition, I compiled and submitted the Special Education Report to DEED, which includes updates on staffing, service delivery, and student enrollment trends.
- For FY26, CCSD will be submitting four (4) new intensive claims. Two (2) claims at CES and two (2) claims at CHS, in which all claims reflect increased levels of student support needs.
- For ease of reference, under 4 AAC 52.700(c), *"A student is eligible for funding as an intensive student if the student has been identified for special education and the student needs and receives individual attention and services that are significantly more complex and frequent and require significantly more resources to provide than the services received by other special education students."*
- The Department requires that new intensive claims be accompanied by a copy of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Evaluation Summary and Eligibility Report (ESER); hence, it will be imperative that our Special Education Teachers are thorough in submission of their special education paperwork. Students must meet all criteria outlined under 4 AAC 52.700 to properly qualify for intensive funding as well.

CCSD Projects

CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- CCSD has received the final reimbursement payment of \$303,106.50 from the Southeast Conference (SEC) for the CHS New Shop project! This completes all CCSD's confirmed reimbursements, totaling the full grant amount.
- It's important to note once again that the entire CHS New Shop project was funded through grants - including the original \$900,000 commitment from SEC and the additional gap funding grant I secured last year to cover project overages. **No General Fund dollars were used for this project.**

CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- Construction continues to move forward on the CEMS Rehabilitation Project. As a reminder, the project is substantially complete at CES, with only minor punch-list items remaining.
- At CMS, construction is actively progressing. Current work includes galley roof beam/trusses rot repair, concrete footing forming, rough carpentry, structural steel installation, window installation, and sprinkler rough-ins. New work is beginning on underground plumbing, vestibule formwork, mezzanine framing, building siding, and electrical rough-in.

Current/Upcoming District Events

- October 22nd: CCSD Regular School Board Meeting (October)
- October 28th: Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
- October 30th: CCSD End of Quarter 1
- October 31st: POW Island-wide In-service Day (No School)
- November 5th: Projected AADM Report Due
- November 14th: CES Youth Gathering & Cultural Day (Tentative)
- November 14th: DEED Audit & Intensive Claims Due
- November 18th: Report Card to the Public Due
- November 26-28th: Thanksgiving Break (No School)

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