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

## Student Learning

**First Three Weeks of School** - The first three weeks of school have really gone well. The entire staff has done a fantastic job of welcoming our new students to the district and welcoming back our returning students. The first couple of weeks of a new year are always hectic as everyone settles into new routines and schedules. Our teachers, support staff, office staff, and administrative team in collaboration of course with our students and families have done an exceptional job. We couldn't be more pleased about our start and what lies before us during our 2022-2023 school year.

**October 31 and November 1 Craig In-Service** - In light of recent national news centered on school shootings, all districts and schools are reviewing plans and procedures to address school emergencies. CCSD has been in contact with Erin Terry from the Anchorage Office of the FBI to travel to POW for our October 31 and November 1 in-service. Details have not been finalized however it is imperative that the district and community revisit this need and couple this work with our Emergency Planning Committee that unfortunately was put on the back burner as our attention has been focused on addressing our mitigation and prevention strategies related to COVID-19 for the past couple of years. As more information becomes available regarding both of these items, I will share with the Board.

**Alaska Federation of Natives Elders and Youth Conference** - CCSD is fortunate to be involved with a collaborative Alaska Native Education Program grant with Tlingit Haida, Klawock City School District, and Southeast Island School District. One component of grant is funding for five CHS students to travel and attend the Alaska Federation of Natives Elders and Youth Conference in October. CHS has started the process of soliciting interest from students and will develop a committee to review students' letters of interest.

**Special Services** – Currently CCSD is serving 88 students on IEPs. 26 students at CES, 8 students at CMS, 15 students at CHS, and 39 students at PACE. Our related service providers have also been scheduling their first visits to the island. Our OT was on island from September 9-16; our speech therapist is scheduled to be on the island from September 26-October 5; our PT is scheduled to also be on the island from October 3-October 5; and we are currently working on a schedule for our school psychologist's first visit. Our special education department is currently addressing the outlined projects:

- Autism/Behavior Specialist on-site visit to consult with staff
- De-escalation, restraint, and seclusion training.
- Child Find: Collaborate with local partners; speech, early childhood, vision, hearing, and school readiness screenings
- First semester reevaluations for Craig schools
- Self-Audit for PACE special education procedures and compliance

## Resource Management

**CHS Biomass Project** – I'm optimistic that our CHS Biomass Project appears to be moving forward for additional funding through the Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategies initiative. The following link <https://www.kfsk.org/2022/09/08/southeast-to-get-over-12-million-in-community-based-sustainability-grants/> connects to a story about the USDA funding associated with the Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategies grant funding that CCSD applied for. My conversations with USDA is that the SASS funding for our CHS Biomass Project will be managed by Southeast Conference which will expedite movement on this project. As a reminder, CCSD has already purchased the Biomass boiler which will arrive on POW later this fall and currently have \$855,000 secured for this project.

**CMS and CES Rehabilitation Projects** - Attached for your review is an aggressive draft timetable MRV Architects has developed for our CMS and CES Rehabilitation Projects. Please especially review the draft Substantial Completion Dates. If we are able to move forward with these two projects during the summer of 2023 it will most likely require adjustments on our end regarding school calendars and schedules.

**CCSD Staff Needs** - Outlined below is the current status of CCSD's open staffing positions.

- CES .5 Special Education Teacher - Still advertised on Alaska Teacher Placement. We have not received new applications since June.
- CEMS PE/Health Teacher - Advertised on Alaska Teacher Placement. We have not received a new applications since June.
- CHS PE/Health - We pulled this application from the ATP website. At this time, if a person was secured and hired, it would be impossible to integrate into the high school schedule without completely readjusting every student's and staff member's schedules. It doesn't make sense, at this time to provide this much disruption to the entire operations of the high school program.
- 2 CMS special education aides - We have interviewed a candidate for one of these positions and are currently conducting a background check. We have not received any more applications for the other position.

**PACE Enrollment** - PACE enrollment continues to go well. We currently have over 470 students enrolled or still working through the enrollment process for the 2022-2023 school year. We still have the rest of September and October for the annual student count period.