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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Educate the Whole Child

PACE In-service November 7 and 8 - Our PACE staff members will be traveling to Anchorage in November for our fall PACE in-service.

AK STAR Assessments (Spring 2023) - This information has been shared previously with the CCSD Board but I want to ensure that the Board has the most updated information in case any of our parents or stakeholders have questions about the AK STAR Spring 2023 assessments. The Department is currently analyzing all of the data associated with our AK STAR assessments and we can expect some adjustments to the proficiency levels for each grade level. The final adjustments will need to be approved by State Board of Education. The current anticipated timeline for State Board of Education approval is as follows:

- December 6th Board Meeting – Revised Assessment regulations that reflect the proposed cut scores are submitted to SBOE for initial review.
- Mid-December – The 30-day public comment period will be opened immediately following the December 6th board meeting.
- January 17th, 2024 – Second review and anticipated approval of the regulations will occur during the SBOE meeting.
- Early March – Reports will be provided to districts following the approval of cut scores and the completion of reporting with NWEA.

Alaska Reads Act – CCSD received written communication from Commissioner Bishop regarding districts' responsibilities with developing Individual Reading Improvement Plans (IRIPs) for each K-3 student. The updated requirement to address deficiencies for students in grades K-3 will be as follows:

- Parent notification and IRIPs are required for students scoring in the **Well Below** risk category as measured by mCLASS DIBELS 8 assessment.

For students scoring in the **Below** risk category, as measured by mCLASS DIBELS 8 assessment, the following guidance is recommended:

- School teams will analyze individual student data and provide interventions as necessary.
- IRIPs may be developed.
- Teachers proactively communicate concerns with parents/guardians.
- Progress is consistently monitored and communicated to parents/guardians.

Our Craig Elementary School and PACE staff members have done an exceptional job developing our Alaska Reading Act MTSS plans to support our students who are in need of additional support. As stated in previous communications, my sense is that our MTSS plans will be adjusted for the 2020-2025 school year after we have had a year to pilot them and determine what aspects of our plans are solid and what aspects will need to be improved.

Elementary and Secondary Act Monitoring - CCSD received notice that our Title programs (Title I-A, Title I-C, Title II-A, and Title IV-A) will be monitored this year during the week of January 29th 2024.

The monitoring process includes the following steps:

- **Documentation must be provided to your DEED ESEA Monitoring Lead, Eli Barsy, by January 5, 2024.** Follow the steps on the “Documentation Submission Process” enclosed prior to the submission deadline. DEED staff will review this documentation prior to the scheduled monitoring visit. This critical step in the process will make the monitoring visit more meaningful and will minimize findings of non-compliance.
 - The specific dates of the monitoring visit will be scheduled by Eli Barsy with the district federal programs coordinator. During this visit, DEED staff will hold an entrance meeting with applicable district staff, interviews with applicable district staff, selected school site visits, and an exit meeting.
 - After the visit, DEED will send the completed monitoring report and findings letter specifying which monitoring indicators, if any, were not in full compliance and what further action is needed (approximately 30 to 60 days following the visit).
 - The district will respond to any issues of non-compliance by the date specified in the letter (approximately 60 days after the findings letter).
 - DEED will work with the district to complete corrective actions needed to resolve all findings.
 - DEED will send a final approval letter after all monitoring findings have been resolved.

Providing More Responsive and Focused Collaboration and Relationship Building

AASB Family Engagement Grant - CCSD partnered with the Association of Alaska School Districts and about 12 other districts within our state on a Family Engagement Grant to support our district’s efforts to “Build and sustain active partnerships with CCSD parents and community members.” The purpose of the grant is to support school districts’ efforts to increase the quality and quantity of communication within districts ensuring all stakeholder groups are equally represented and have regular dialogues about how we as a family and community can support our youth together. As one part of this grant work CCSD and ASSB hosted a Family and Community Dialogue on Tuesday, September 26 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm at the Craig Tribal Hall that was attended by 15 community members, parents, staff, and board members. I’ve shared the attached summary previously and want to ensure ensure easy access for Board members if they would like to review the information again.

Resource Management

New CCSD Thomas Bus - CCSD contacted TrailorCraft Anchorage who is the Thomas Bus distributor in Alaska about the delivery timeline for our new Thomas Bus that is replacing the bus that was totalled in September of 2022. Originally it was stated that we could expected a January 2023 delivery date. That is no longer the case. At this time we are anticipating a potential ready date of April which doesn’t include the time to ship it to Craig. I’m anticipating at this time a summer delivery date with the bus available for the 2024-2025 school year.

CMS Gym Boiler Installation -This project ran into a small glitch. The boiler was purchased through Ferguson and during the installation process we discovered that not all of the parts necessary for complete installation were shipped. At this time Ferguson cannot give us a time on when they will have the necessary parts. Daniel Nelson is calling other vendors to see if anyone has this item in stock so we can get one on its way. At this time we do not have an estimated time for when the boiler will be up and running.

CCSD Major Maintenance Grant Application - DEED is now in the process of reviewing all of the major maintenance grant applications that were submitted by the September 1 deadline. Typically there are approximately 100 projects submitted annually. As a reminder, CCSD is requesting an additional \$4,985,050 in supplemental funding to support our CMS and CES Rehabilitation Projects. These applications will then be prioritized and ranked; generally the priority list are released in December. DEED will then share the priority list with the legislature and then the legislature during the spring 2024 legislative session will determine how much funding to provide to the major maintenance grant list.

CES Propane Boiler Installation - On Tuesday, October 10, CCSD met with representatives from MRV Architects, Respec Engineering, and Schmolck Mechanical about our propane boiler installation project that is one part of our CES Rehabilitation Project. Schmolck Mechanical has ordered all materials. Schmolck has quite a bit of work on island and will schedule work starting in November that won't impact school. The plan is that the main work will take place starting the week of December 11 with a complete switchover to the new boiler system during the week of December 18 so that our students' school day is not impacted.

Architecture/Engineering Services - One important aspect of CCSD's ability to submit major maintenance grant applications to DEED is that the district must also seek proposals from architecture and engineering firms every five years. CCSD requested written proposals for architectural/engineering services for a period of up to five years. The work will include but is not necessarily limited to condition surveys, designs, and cost estimates to support CIP major maintenance grant applications to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, design and construction contract administration services for projects that may subsequently be funded, and architectural/engineering consulting services as may be required. The District expects to award a one-year contract renewable on a year-to-year basis for up to a total of five years. Proposals were due on October 20 by 4:00pm. CCSD will develop a committee to review all proposals and then make a recommendation to the CCSD Board for the Board's consideration.

CHS Biomass Project – CCSD has submitted a statement of interest to the Denali Commission to apply for up to \$200,000 in gap funding for the CHS Biomass project. Outlined below are the deadlines and application process timeline

Statement of Interest Due	5:00 p.m. AKDT on Friday, 20 October 2023
Selected applications invited to submit full applications	3 November 2023
Full Applications Due	5:00 p.m. AKST 1 December 2023
Application Review and Award Determination	8 December 2023
Applicant Notification of Outcome	21 December 2023
Award Negotiation	5 February 2024
Award Execution and availability of funding for project activity	1 March 2024 – 30 June 2024

Communication

CCSD November Board Policy Meeting – The CCSD Board Policy Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Monday, November 13 at 5:30pm. Attached is the draft Public Notice for the meeting. During the November 13, 2023 Board Policy Committee meeting the committee will address recommended updates from the Association of Alaska School Boards. Included is the draft public notice for the meeting as well as an information sheet about each of the Administrative Regulations, Board Policies, and Board Bylaws AASB is recommending be adjusted.

CCSD Indigenous Education Committee Meeting - The CCSD Indigenous Education Committee will meet on Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the Craig PACE office. Included with this report is the public notice for the meeting.