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FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
DATE: January 24, 2024
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

Elementary and Secondary Act Monitoring - As reported last week, CCSD submitted all the required documents and evidence of support for our Elementary Secondary Education Act compliance review with DEED. We are scheduled for our virtual monitoring review on Wednesday, January 31 and February 1. Included for Board members' is the schedule for our review on January 31 and February 1.

Resource Management

CCSD Budget Advisory Committee Meeting - The first of CCSD's Budget Advisory Committee meetings was held on Monday, January 8 at 6:00pm in the CHS library. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29 at 6:00pm in the CHS library.

CCSD FY 25 Budget Preparations - As stated in previous communications, CCSD is anticipating a deficit in the million dollar range as we prepare for our FY 25 budget. AASB recently sent out communication about the dollar amount that the Association of Alaska School Boards has determined as the most reasonable request for additional funding from the Alaska Legislature during this spring's legislative session. That communication from AASB is included in the Correspondence section of our January 24, 2024 CCSD Board packet.

Also, the CCSD administrative team has been working to identify reductions in expenditures to support the district's FY 25 budget development needs. Those expenditure recommendations for the CCSD Board's consideration have been shared with the Board on January 5, 2024 and January 12, 2024 in the Superintendent's week Board update.

As stated in previous communications, I'd recommend the CCSD Board hold a work session on the FY 25 budget to provide parameters for Melinda Bass and me so that we have a sense of the Board's priorities for our FY 25 budget.

CHS Biomass Project – The CHS Biomass Project went out for bid to begin completing the site preparation work for our Craig High School Biomass Project. Bids were due on Friday, January 18, 2024 at 2:00pm. During the superintendent's report on Wednesday, January 24 I will update the Board on what contractor was selected for this work.

Spring 2024 Alaska Legislative Session – The second regular session of the 33rd legislature is slated to begin on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. As CCSD prepares for the Spring 2024 Alaska Legislative Session two areas present themselves as specific areas of interest for CCSD advocacy:

- HB 139 that advocates for a Base Student Allocation of 1.0 with the 1.2 Special Needs multiplier for students attending correspondence/homeschool programs. Included with this report is testimony that I provided last spring. Please note, given our current PACE enrollment if this Bill is ultimately passed it would add an approximate additional \$500,000 of revenue to the district for FY 25.
- Increase to the BSA – As noted, AASB is recommending a funding request of \$1413 be added to the Base Student Allocation. Included with this report is testimony that I provided last spring in support of an increase to the BSA. The included document provides an outline of some of the areas CCSD has seen significant increases to our budget without any additional revenue available from the state or municipality.

Communication

CCSD Board Policy Committee Meeting – The next CCSD Board Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Included with this report is the public notice for that meeting.

CEA Negotiations – CCSD received communication last week from CEA President, Christy House, providing notice that CEA intends to bargain for a successor agreement to the current certified contract. As a reminder Hans Hjort and Julie McDonald are the CCSD Board members that serve on the Negotiations Committee. CEA requested the following information and all information has been provided by CCSD:

- Scattergram for certified teachers
- Positions that are grant funded
- Insurance costs for the past five years
- List of exempt contracts (principals, business manager, sped director, maintenance director, and superintendent)