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FOR: School Board Members
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Student Learning

ACES ANEP Grant – CCSD filed a no cost extension with the U.S. Department of Education for our Alaska Native Education Program grant ACES. The grant is coming to the end of its three-year period at the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30, 2021). However, due to the pandemic, there was unexpended funds. On behalf of our consortium partners (Klawock City School District and Hydaburg School District) CCSD filed on September 10, 2021, for a no cost extension so that the remaining funds can be extended into the FY 22 fiscal year.

Canvas Learning Management System - Last year, CCSD partnered with the state provided Canvas Learning Management System to support our students and staff in the event we needed to move to distance education. What we learned last year is that Canvas provides a uniform portal for students to access all their classes. It worked better with our middle and high school students than it did with our elementary students. It also is a great tool for our secondary students to stay connected with their classes if traveling for sports, other school activities, or for extended family trips. Alaska has renewed their contract with Canvas for two more years with all the services and products that we had access to during the 2020-2021 school year. CCSD will continue our partnership with Canvas for our secondary students and staff members. Chasina Worman is our new Canvas Principal Learning Consultant. Chasina is from Ketchikan and knows our district well. She will be a great resource as we continue improving our utilization of Canvas. She has previously supported CCSD with our utilization of PowerSchool, which is our electronic student management system.

Alaska Statewide Assessments – Included in the Board packet are the district level results on last spring's PEAKS assessments. As a reminder the state will no longer be using the PEAKS assessments, except for the science portion, and will be utilizing NWEA MAPs as our system assessment.

Resource Management

FY 21 Audit – CCSD's auditors, Altman Rogers, and Company, visited Craig from Monday, August 9 – Friday, August 13 for our FY 21 audit. We are expecting that audit to be publicly available in November agenda for final Board action on the FY 21 budget.

CCSD Enrollment - CCSD's enrollment is projected to be down from our FY 21 enrollment numbers. Included with this report is the district's final enrollment numbers for FY 21 and the district's enrollment projections that were submitted to DEED last November.

- CES - 98
- CMS - 56
- CHS - 73
- PACE – 495+

PACE Homeschool – In August of 2018 PACE staff members developed a goal to double PACE's enrollment from the 2017-18 school year to 475 students by FY 21. PACE staff members exceeded that number during the 2020-2021 school year with an enrollment of 668. Much of that growth last school year was due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, prior to the pandemic PACE's enrollment growth was exceeding other school district's growth

from a percentage perspective. Although our homeschool enrollment this year will not be at the same level as our 2020-2021 school year level it will be significantly above the growth goal of 475 that was established during the 2018-2019 school year. PACE principal, Mollie Harings and I have begun discussions about what might be significant next steps the district can take to continue growing PACE's influence across the state's homeschool market. During the spring semester of 2019 CCSD opened our PACE Mat-Su office. With the development of a Mat-Su presence PACE's enrollment went from 11 students to over 100. This decision was relatively easy to make because it made sense for the district to invest within the only region of the state that consistently is experiencing population growth on a consistent annual basis. The Kenai Peninsula, although not increasing in population, is the 2nd fastest growing region within the state from a homeschool student perspective. If CCSD wants to continue growing the district's footprint across the state's homeschool market, this would be the next area that the district should consider investing in.

Communication

CCSD October 12, 2021, Board Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting – The next CCSD Board Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:30pm. The meeting will take place in the CES Library and will also be able to be accessed through a Zoom URL link.

CCSD October 11, 2021, Board Policy Committee Meeting – We are scheduled for our next CCSD Board Policy Committee meeting on Monday, October 11 at 4:00pm. The meeting will take place in the CES Library and will also be able to be accessed through a Zoom URL link.