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FOR: School Board Members
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SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

Educate the Whole Child

October 23-24 In-Service - CCSD’s next in-service dates are scheduled for Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24. CCSD will also be hosting the Southeast Honor Music Festival with participants coming to Craig to represent their schools and communities. Due to the Southeast Honor Music Festival the high school will be unavailable for us to use for in-service. We are currently making plans for another location while also determining how many staff members will need to be present at the high school to support the Southeast Honor Music Festival.

AK STAR Assessments (Spring 2023) - From September 6 – September 8 I attended meetings in Juneau and we were able to meet with DEED Commissioner Denna Bishop. One aspect of the meeting was getting more specific information about when our AK Star Spring 2023 assessment results will be released. 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. She indicated that at the earliest the data would be released is January and at the latest in April.

Providing More Responsive and Focused Collaboration and Relationship Building

AASB Family Engagement Grant - CCSD has 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 will be hosting a Family and Community Dialogue on Tuesday, September 26 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm at the Craig Tribal Hall. The Family and Community Dialogue will be facilitated by representatives from AASB. Attached below is the flyer advertising this event. Connected with this work is the Alaska Family Engagement meeting that is taking place on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Egan Center in Anchorage. One CCSD staff members and two Craig community members will be attending this event on behalf of CCSD to support our efforts to support our efforts to improve our communication processes with our families and students.

Resource Management

CES Propane Boiler Installation - Bids early in September for our CES Propane Boiler installation. CCSD received two bids. Schmolck Mechanical Contractors was the lowest bidder. Included with this report is the

contract for services for Schmolek Mechanical Contractors to conduct this work for CCSD. This project is related to our CES Rehabilitation Project and will be grant supported.

CCSD Major Maintenance Grant Application - CCSD has submitted our major maintenance grant application to the Department of Education and Early development. This project provides additional, supplemental funding due to inflationary costs associated with the Craig Elementary School and Craig Middle School Rehabilitation Projects that have been previously funded by the Department of Education and Early Development's Major Maintenance Grant Fund. These projects will renovate the facilities to correct accessibility, security, and IBC code and condition issues. These projects will also install new ventilation systems, boiler systems, building controls systems, and fire sprinkler systems. The estimations for the project were finally received on Friday, August 25. The grant is requesting an additional \$4,985,050 in supplemental funding to support this work. DEED will now establish a team of three reviewers to review all of the major maintenance grant applications. 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.

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 last worked through this process during the fall of 2018. CCSD is requesting 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 will be due on October 20 by 4:00pm. We will be advertising in both the Anchorage Dailey News and Juneau Empire. Included with this report is the RFP for Architecture and Engineering Services.

Communication

CCSD October Board Policy Meeting – The CCSD Board Policy Committee will meet on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:30pm.