
CCSD Superintendent Report

May 2025

CCSD Appreciations

- National Education Week was celebrated from May 5-9, 2025. CCSD took the opportunity to honor the incredible dedication of our educators and school staff each day. With support from our local Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), the week was filled with daily surprises and raffle drawings. Mid-week, CCSD provided fruit and veggie trays to every building as a small token of appreciation.
- A special thank you goes to Jeannie and Pat Rogan for their generous contribution. They donated and prepared surprise gift bags for every CCSD staff member, board member, and substitute teacher.
- To all CCSD staff - thank you once again for inspiring, supporting, and empowering our students each and every day. Your work makes a lasting impact!
- Thank you to Ms. Kristine Cervera, Mr. Alan Burke, Ms. Tara Williams, and Ms. Sarah Yates for helping make the CCSD End of Year Staff Celebration a success. We truly appreciated the delicious spread they provided for staff - it was a highlight of the event!
- A special thank you goes to Mr. Earl Jeffrey for his thoughtful and creative contributions. He provided handcrafted metal art rockfish to staff members moving on to new chapters, and metal art salmon to those retiring from CCSD. Thank you also to Veronica Dandurand for coordinating key details of the event and for arranging the celebratory cake.
- CCSD extends our best wishes to the following staff members who are moving on:
Mr. Howie Daggs, Ms. Liz Dodd, Mr. Tobias Frieb, Ms. Courtney Frieb, Mr. Bernie Grieve, Mr. David Harris, Ms. Heather Mendonsa, Ms. Emily Norris, and Ms. Pam Penrose. It's with deep gratitude, CCSD recognizes the retirements of two (2) dedicated teachers who each gave **25 years of service** to the Craig City School District: **Ms. Jessica Hughes and Ms. Jennifer Whicker.**
- Thank you all for your service, dedication, and the impact you've made on our students and community!

CCSD Finances/Budget

- As noted under the Correspondence section of our May Board Agenda, the Department of Education & Early Development has processed the Quality Schools Grants for payment. These grants are calculated using the reconciled OASIS Average Daily Membership (ADM) count. For reference, each district's grant amount is determined by multiplying \$16 by the adjusted ADM. Based on this formula, CCSD will receive **\$15,331.**
- Also noted under the Correspondence section of our May Board Agenda, the Department of Education & Early Development has provided the final payment from the Fall 2024 October count and the final approved intensive needs students. Based on this calculation, CCSD will receive **\$65,156.**
- The PFD Raffle Fund was appropriated in the gross amount of \$467,050 for FY 2025 and is separate from foundation funding. In accordance with AS 43.23.220(d)(2), the Department is distributing this funding as a supplemental grant to school districts based on adjusted Average Daily Membership (ADM). Based on this formula, CCSD will receive **\$1,754.**
- Please see Memorandum 10c under the New Business section of our May Board Agenda for information and necessary Board action in regards to the City of Craig's Proposition 2, Quarter 1, Sales Tax Revenue.

Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Unfortunately, Ms. Virginia Pulley, who was recently hired for the Middle/High School Special Education Teacher position, has declined the contract offer. As a result, the position has been reposted.
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: PACE Administrative Assistant (Part Time), MS Mathematics Teacher, Elem/MS Special Education Teacher, MS/High Special Education Teacher.

CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- During the May 1st CCSD Curriculum Committee meeting, members continued their discussion on social studies instructional resources and reviewed various program materials. As additional review and input are needed, these discussions will continue in future meetings during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Please remember, the Alaska Board of Education has adopted new Alaska Social Studies Standards. Toolkit materials and other resources to support the rollout of these standards are now available at <https://education.alaska.gov/standards/social>.
- Currently, CCSD does not have a Curriculum Rotation Cycle; therefore, the District will be working with input from CCSD's administrative team to develop one. It's CCSD's hope that one may be put into place by August 2025.

CCSD Special Programs

- As the Board may recall, I requested biographies for each assigned itinerant staff member. SERRC provided a partial list of biographies, which were included in my April report. The remaining itinerant bios for Sean Whittacre (Physical Therapist), Jamie Adkins (Occupational Therapist), and Theresa Slavik (School Psychologist) are included below for the Board's reference.
- Sean Whittacre - Physical Therapist (PT)
 - *My name is Sean Whittacre, I am a Physical Therapist and have been working with the school district for the last 5 years. I did all of my course work at West Virginia University and currently live in New Hampshire.*
- Jamie Adkins - Occupational Therapist (OT)
 - *I'm Jamie and I've worked as an occupational therapist with children and students for 8 years. I live in Colorado with my husband Jon and our goldendoodle, Oakley who is a certified therapy dog. In my free time, I enjoy volunteering with our local library's paws to read programs with Oakley, running, biking, and traveling.*
- Theresa Slavik - School Psychologist
 - *It is my pleasure to be working with SERRC as a part-time school psychologist for the 2025-26 school year. I am so excited for the opportunity to collaborate with your children, families, and staff in the commitment to supporting your students! I have worked with children from preschool to transitioning young adults within the states of Georgia, Michigan, Alaska and Illinois over the past 20 years. I have also provided both direct and virtual psychological services. I have three children (13, 19 and 23), enjoy taking on new opportunities and traveling to destinations both near and far. I am very excited about this school year and really look forward to our collaboration.*

- CCSD has recently advertised a Child Find notice in compliance with federal and Alaska state regulations. Under 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(3) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and in accordance with Alaska Administrative Code 4 AAC 52.120, school districts are required to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services, regardless of the severity of their disability. This notice helps ensure that families are aware of available services and that all eligible children have access to appropriate evaluations and support.

CCSD Projects

CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- Please see the letter titled, *Denali Commission 1628 Termination*, attached under the Correspondence section of our May Board Agenda for updated information in regards to CHS's New Shop/Biomass Project. This letter was included to inform the Board that the federal grant for the Craig High School Biomass Project (Grant Award 1628) has been formally terminated, effective May 13, 2025.
- The termination was issued under 2 CFR 200.340(a)(4), which allows for grant termination when a project no longer aligns with federal program goals or priorities. Unfortunately, the project was reviewed and found to be inconsistent with the agency's updated strategic direction and current Executive Orders.
- With that said, CCSD is eligible to request reimbursement for allowable expenses incurred through the termination date (5/13/25). I am currently working with the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to process reimbursements and formally close out the federal portion of the grant. I will also continue collaborating with AEA to pursue alternative state grant funding, in combination with CCSD's remaining local contribution of approximately \$178,000, with the goal of successfully seeing the project through to the finish line.

CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- As part of the Craig Elementary & Middle School (CEMS) Rehabilitation Project, CCSD distributed a short survey to all staff, students in grades 4–8, parents/guardians, and Board members to gather input on interior finish options. The survey closed on May 7, 2025, and CCSD greatly appreciates all the feedback received.
- CCSD received a total of 59 responses. The interior finish options selected for the project are included with my Board Report for reference. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

Current/Upcoming District Events

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| ● May 26th: | Memorial Day / No School |
| ● May 27th: | CCSD Regular School Board Meeting |
| ● May 29th: | CHS Graduation |
| ● May 30th: | CES Kindergarten Graduation & 8th Grade Promotion |
| ● June 3rd: | CCSD Last Day of School |
| ● June 4-5th: | CCSD In-service / No School |
| ● June 6th: | CCSD Teacher Work Day |
| ● June 9th: | McG Constructors On-site & CEMS Closed for Rehabilitation Project |
| ● June 16th: | CCSD Network Relocation - Office Staff will Work Remotely from Home |

*Please be sure to check CCSD's Website for specific dates of events and activities at CES, CMS, and CHS.