
CCSD Superintendent Report

June 2025

CCSD Appreciations

- A special thank you to our incredible maintenance and custodial crew, our Maintenance Director, Daniel Nelson, and all CHS, CMS, & CES staff members for their hard work and teamwork in preparing for the CEMS Rehabilitation Project. The efforts from our staff in clearing out the CES Office, Attic, and Commons Area, along with relocating the entire CMS into our modular classrooms, are truly appreciated - thank you!

CCSD Finances/Budget

- As noted under the Correspondence section of our June Board Agenda, the Department of Education & Early Development has revised and updated the FY 2026 Projected Foundation Payment.
- Following recent legislative action with House Bill 57 and the Governor's veto impacting educational funding, CCSD's FY 2026 Revised Original Board Approved Budget now reflects a \$500 increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA), raising it from \$5,960 to \$6,460. As outlined in Memo 10f of the June Board Packet, this adjustment increases our FY26 Projected Public School Funding by approximately \$487,000 - from \$5,248,876 to **\$5,736,026**.

Human Resources/Staff Updates

- CCSD is excited to announce and welcome several new staff member hires. We are excited to have each of them join our Panther Family and look forward to the great work they will do for our students and school community!
 - Ms. Tara Musser - CEMS Special Education Paraprofessional
 - Ms. Sonia Traver - PACE Anchorage Administrative Assistant
 - Ms. Kathy Freeman - Elementary/Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - Ms. Margaret Gore - Middle/High School Special Education Teacher
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: MS Mathematics Teacher, MS Science Teacher, MS Athletic Director.

CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- As mentioned in my May Board Report, CCSD does not have an established Curriculum Rotation Cycle to guide the regular review and adoption of instructional materials across content areas. Recognizing the need for a structured approach, I will be working with input from the CCSD Administrative Team to develop a formal rotation schedule.
- Over the summer, I plan to work with building principals to outline a proposed cycle that prioritizes subject and content areas based on greatest need. Social Studies will continue to receive priority review as previously discussed. The goal is to have a board-reviewed Curriculum Rotation Cycle in place by August 2025, supporting long-term planning, budgeting, and instructional alignment across the District.

CCSD Special Programs

- As we close out the 2024–2025 school year, I’m pleased to report that CCSD’s Special Education files and compliance documentation are current for the school year and in order. All required progress reports, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and related paperwork are on file and up to date in preparation for the 2025-2026 school year.
- In addition, I will be completing Alaska’s Special Education Supplemental Workbook for the 2024–2025 school year to ensure full state compliance and reporting accuracy.
- Thank you to our special education staff and service providers for their continued dedication to supporting students with exceptional needs across CCSD.

Federal Programs / Entitlement Grants

- June is an extremely heavy reporting month for the District, as it requires the closeout and revision of current-year entitlement grants, as well as preparation for substantial approval of grants for the new fiscal year.
- I’m pleased to report that CCSD’s FY26 ESEA Consolidated Application, which includes Title IA, Title IIA, Title IVA, and Title IC, is complete and has been submitted and is **substantially approved**. The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) has confirmed receipt and noted this status in the application’s History Log. Substantial approval does not mean full approval. Once final FY26 allocations are released, CCSD will revise and resubmit the application to DEED for formal approval.
- Additional federal program updates include the following:
 - **Title VI Indian Education:** Application has been submitted, confirmed, and approved.
 - **Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) / Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP):** Application has been submitted, confirmed, and approved.
 - **Carl Perkins (CTE):** Draft application is complete and submitted, confirmation/approval is pending.
 - **School Improvement & Special Education (IDEA-B and 619):** Drafts are in progress and expected to be completed and submitted by the June Board meeting.

CCSD Projects

CHS New Shop/Biomass Project

- As mentioned in my May Board Report, the federal grant supporting the CHS Biomass Project (Grant Award 1628) has been formally terminated, effective May 13, 2025, under 2 CFR 200.340(a)(4). Despite the termination, CCSD remains eligible to request reimbursement for allowable expenses incurred through the termination date.
- In specifically related to funding updates for this project, CCSD has received gap funding reimbursement from AEA in the amount of \$141,226. CCSD is now pursuing reimbursement for the CHS Biomass Force Account Labor supply order totaling \$27,300.
- On a related note, CCSD is still awaiting payment from the Southeast Conference (SEC) for two (2) confirmed reimbursements. One reimbursement is for \$303,106.50 (CBC Pay Application 4) and the other is for \$138,368.42 (CBC Pay Application 5). CCSD is in constant communication with SEC and following-up on them non-stop. All required documentation has been submitted, and SEC has confirmed approval, yet payment is currently pending.

CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- It is my hope that CCSD Board members, staff, families, and the community are finding the “**CEMS Rehabilitation Project – Construction Diaries**” updates helpful and informative! To date, two (2) messages have been sent - one on June 13th and the other on June 19th. Each message includes a short write-up on project/construction updates and photos to visually share progress as well.
- In sum, demolition for the CEMS Rehabilitation Project began on June 9th in the elementary office and middle school areas. McG crews have prepared the site and are actively removing interior walls to make way for major upgrades. Demolition at the elementary school is now complete, with work continuing in other parts of the project. At the middle school, the first layer of roof OSB has some moisture but appears to be holding up well. Abatement efforts are underway, with testing ongoing and reports expected soon. Preliminary findings suggest an additional 3,000 square feet may require abatement.
- Please make note that both campuses - including the elementary playground - remain closed and off-limits during construction for everyone’s safety. CCSD truly appreciates everyone’s understanding and support and will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Current/Upcoming District Events

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| ● June 30th: | CCSD Entitlement Grants - FY25 End of Quarter 4 |
| ● July 31st: | CCSD Entitlement Grants - FY25 Final Expenditure Reports DUE |
| ● August 12th: | CCSD FY26 Principal Start Date |
| ● August 26th: | CCSD In-service / FY26 CCSD Teacher & Paraprofessional Start Date |
| ● August 27th: | CCSD In-service |
| ● August 28th-29th: | CCSD Workday |
| ● September 2nd: | CES, CMS, CHS School Opens! |

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