



# Craig City School District

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Deena Bishop  
Commissioner of Education  
Department of Education and Early Development  
PO Box 110500  
Juneau, AK 99801-0500

Re: AS 14.03.030 School Term

Dear Commissioner Bishop,

On Tuesday, November 21, 2023 CCSD cancelled school for our Craig, AK based schools due to severe weather and landslides across our island that blocked off some of our major roads. Due to the hazardous road conditions and the fact that a large percentage of our students and staff members would not have been able to travel to school/work safely the CCSD administrative team decided to cancel school.

Unfortunately, because we had to cancel school on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 we did lose one student instructional day resulting in CCSD falling below the state minimum of 180 student days in a session for the 2023-2024 school year. With our school cancellation on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 we currently have 179 student instructional days for the 2023-2024 school year.

CCSD is formerly requesting a waiver to AS 14.03.030 School Term that states, "A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner." Attached with this letter is our Board adopted and DEED approved 2023-2024 school calendar for your reference.

Thank you for considering this waiver request from the 180 days in session guidelines stipulated within AS 14.03.030.

Sincerely,

Chris Reitan, CCSD Superintendent  
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