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March CCSD School Board Report

CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL AND PACE STATEWIDE HOMESCHOOL

March was a busy month that went quickly! I spent the good portion of the month traveling. Because of that, I would like to recognize and thank Nicole Nelson for stepping into the role of Lead Teacher while I was out. It is stressful to be responsible for your classroom and also knowing that you might be called away at any moment. There is no downtime either as the lead teacher is monitoring before school, snack, lunch, between periods, and after school as well. Thank you so much Ms. Nelson!

It is requested that school administrators attend basketball tournaments, so I traveled with our teams to Juneau for the Region V tournament during the first week of March. Unfortunately, the weather prevented me from arriving until after our boys had been eliminated, but I was able to attend to see our girl's team win the Regional Championship! Our girls represented extremely well. I was also able to sit in with our pep band during the championship game. The pep band/drum line brought a level of enthusiasm to the gym that was appreciated by fans and the teams! The mass pep band and All-Star pep bands were great fun to see!

I returned to CHS Monday, the 9th and left on the morning of the 10th to travel with the girl's team to Anchorage and the State Basketball Tournament. Once again, our girls represented Craig High School extraordinarily well — along with a 3rd place trophy, brought back the Good Sportsmanship award. Congratulations to Ashlynn Smith and Sara Steffen for being named to the All Tournament team.

The following week I was out on sick leave. I had planned on being back in Craig on March 19 for the last day of the PACE inservice, but I unexpectedly had to remain in Ketchikan for an additional day.

Thank you to Jackie Hanson for taking on the lion's share of the PACE inservice that took place March 18 and 19. She cleared her calendar when it became apparent I would not make it back on time and spent significant time working with staff.

I also want to thank our PACE staff for their ability and willingness to work independently on the Comprehensive School Needs Assessment in my absence. It is a pleasure to work with people who bring a professionalism to their tasks. I hope that members of the board were able to find the time to meet our PACE staff while they were on island.

We interviewed for the PACE contact teacher position on March 26. We extended interviews to three candidates with 2 accepting the invitation. I am happy to report that both were outstanding. The committee has made a recommendation to Superintendent Hanson.

The PowerSchool transition is getting closer every day. I am hoping to have a working plugin by the end of April

Music students will be heading to Ketchikan next week (April 9 - 11) for music festival. State testing (AK Star) will be conducted April 13 - 17. Art Festival is in Haines this year (April 24 - 27). State CTE on-site monitoring will be conducted April 28 and 29. Prom is May 2. Track regionals are May 22 and 23. Graduation is nine weeks away.

One last thank you to Maren Chaffey and her team at SEARHC for responding quickly to the mental health needs of our students when we really needed them. At a time when both our counselor and I were out of the building, Maren did not hesitate to call her team together and develop a plan for providing counselors to support our students. They were here the entire day on March 16 and then for several hours each day for the remainder of the week. Thank you!