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# CCSD Superintendent Report

June 2026

## CCSD Appreciations

- A special thank you to our incredible maintenance and custodial crew, led by Maintenance Director, Zack Cross. The team has already beautified our campus and school grounds, cleaned the District rental unit, and made improvements to the lean-to structure, with painting still planned for a later date. They have a busy summer ahead, including completing the CMS locker installation, updating the four upper CMS classrooms that were not part of the CEMS Rehabilitation Project, and addressing the drainage issue on the back side of the CMS. We very much appreciate their hard work and commitment to keeping our schools in great shape!

## CCSD Finances/Budget

- As a reminder, the Alaska Legislature wrapped up its work for the year with several education-related measures, including one-time funding for schools, energy relief funding, and a teacher loan forgiveness pilot program. The Capital Budget also includes funding for school major maintenance projects statewide. CCSD's FY27 supplemental funding request to address the unforeseen beam and truss rot discovered during demolition work as part of the CEMS Rehabilitation Project is positioned well - we remain ranked number one (1) on DEED's statewide major maintenance list.
- I am continuing to monitor the status of the Operating and Capital Budgets as they move through the final stages of the process. While there are still a few steps remaining, the Legislature's actions reflect continued recognition of the financial challenges facing Alaska's schools and the importance of supporting students, staff, and facilities across the state.
- Tlingit & Haida Head Start has formally terminated its lease with CCSD, effective June 30, 2026. The District is currently reviewing options for the future use of the vacated space as part of ongoing facilities planning, including potential repurposing to support District needs. Additionally, please make note that CCSD will be amending the FY27 General Operating Budget to reflect the loss of revenue for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of **-30,000**.

## Human Resources/Staff Updates

- Please join me in welcoming the following staff to CCSD: Ms. Kimejoe Lambeth (CMS Custodian)
- CCSD currently has the following positions posted: CHS Head Swim Coach

## CCSD Curriculum/Instruction & Professional Development/PLC Committee Updates

- As mentioned in my May Board Report, CCSD will move forward with an in-person professional development opportunity with James Nottingham, creator of *The Learning Pit*, on Friday, September 18, 2026. Due to available Title II-A grant funding and the need to preserve resources for other professional development throughout the year, CCSD will pursue the one-day option at this time. The estimated cost is \$6,400, which includes professional fees, travel, and accommodations (again, this PD will be charged to

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CCSD's Title II-A grant). The day will include classroom-based support with teachers in the morning, followed by district-wide professional development in the afternoon. Mr. Nottingham's approach to building a positive learning culture through productive struggle continues to be a strong fit for CCSD instructional priorities.

- During the 2026-2027 school year, CCSD will be prioritizing special education paraprofessional training and will be working with Meriah Cory, AKCAM Coordinator and Multiple Disabilities Specialist with the Special Education Service Agency. Topics may include defining and supporting print disabilities, Accessible Educational Materials (AEM), assistive technology to support student access, Bookshare, and other tools that support students with print disabilities.
- In addition, CCSD is partnering with Island Hands and Brightway Learning to plan another Prince of Wales Island-wide in-service on Friday, October 30, 2026. Planning is underway with Superintendent Rebecca Stallworth (Klawock City School District), Superintendent Rod Morrison (Southeast Island School District), and Superintendent Robert Freeman (Hydaburg City School District). Through the use of various grant funding sources, we anticipate covering the full cost of the October in-service, providing a strong opportunity for collaboration and high-quality professional learning across Prince of Wales Island.

## CCSD Special Programs

- As we close out the 2025–2026 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 2026-2027 school year.
- Thank you to our special education staff and service providers for their continued dedication to supporting students with exceptional needs across CCSD.

## DEED End of Year Reporting / Federal Programs & Entitlement Grants

- June is an extremely heavy reporting month for the District. In addition to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) end of the year reporting requirements, the District is also required to close out and revise 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 FY27 ESEA Consolidated Application, which includes Title I-A, Title II-A, Title IV-A, and Title I-C, 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 FY27 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) & Special Education (Title IV-B & Section 619):** Draft applications are complete and submitted, confirmation/approval is pending.
  - **School Improvement:** Draft is in progress and expected to be completed and submitted by the June Board meeting.

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## CCSD Projects

### CEMS Rehabilitation Project

- The CEMS Rehabilitation Project is now in the final stages of closeout. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manuals are expected to be resubmitted by the contractor within the next two weeks, with remaining submittals primarily related to plumbing, controls, and HVAC systems. Training is required per project specifications. Currently, CCSD's Maintenance Director, Mr. Zack Cross, is working on developing a list of priority systems for targeted training. If needed, portions of the training may be conducted virtually to accommodate scheduling and availability.
- Discussions with McG indicate that remaining punch list items are expected to be completed by the end of June or the first week of July. As part of final closeout, remaining administrative documentation is being finalized and a complete log of accepted change order proposals (COPs) - both expenditures and credits - will be provided to support final project reconciliation. In addition, I am currently working on the annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) report for submission to DEED prior to July 31, 2026.

### Future Projects/Facilities Consideration – Modular Housing Opportunity

- With Tlingit & Haida Head Start ending its lease and the CEMS Rehabilitation Project nearing completion, two (2) modular units on campus will soon be available for potential reuse. This presents an opportunity to consider repurposing existing District assets to support staffing needs, particularly recruitment and retention.
- One option for Board consideration is converting the former Head Start modular into staff housing, potentially as a 2-bedroom, 2-bath unit with flexible space for itinerant staff (such as a small studio-style area with kitchenette and bath/laundry options). The second modular, located near the CMS Gym, could be evaluated for relocation depending on structural condition, and if feasible, converted into two 1-bedroom, 1-bath units or another configuration to meet District needs.
- As a rural and remote District, limited housing options continue to impact our ability to recruit and retain staff. Repurposing these modulares could provide a cost-effective way to expand teacher housing capacity using existing District resources. Food for thought!

## Current/Upcoming District Events

- June 30th: CCSD Entitlement Grants - FY26 End of Quarter 4 DUE
- July 1st: PACE Statewide Correspondence Homeschool Enrollment Opens!
- July 31st: CCSD Entitlement Grants - FY26 Final Expenditure Reports DUE
- August 11th: CCSD FY27 Principal Start Date
- August 25th: CCSD In-service / FY27 CCSD Teacher & Paraprofessional Start Date
- August 26th: CCSD In-service
- August 27-28th: CCSD Workday
- August 31st: 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.