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Dear CCSD Families and Community Members;

With the start of the 2020-2021 school year only two weeks away, CCSD continues to refine our plans to ensure the safest learning environment for our students and staff. These are unprecedented times and unfortunately none of us has any experience with similar circumstances; we are all learning in real time together about COVID-19 and how we might collectively develop the safest plans possible to best meet the educational needs of our students and families.

Our teachers, support staff, and administrators have been focused on ensuring every classroom is prepared to provide the strongest educational experience for our students in the safest environment possible following guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). As the new school year starts, please note that there have been a number of operational modifications that are required to ensure CCSD can provide appropriate social distancing for our students and staff members. Some of our key modifications are outlined below.

- Each school building will have one designated entrance for students. The middle school entrance for students will be the entrance by the breeze way connecting the middle school to the elementary school.
- Each school will also have designated traffic patterns identified on the floor to support social distancing that students, staff, and community members are expected to follow.
- Our three largest grade levels (4th, 7th, and 8th) have been divided into two groups to provide smaller class sizes that will help us provide enough social distancing in each of our classrooms.
- Music will follow CDC recommendations for schools, most notably CCSD will not provide access to choir or wind and brass instruments this coming school year. Music will focus on string and percussion instruments.
- Elementary music and SEALS will be provided in the student's regular classrooms.
- Bus services are being modified to provide as much social distancing as possible on each of our bus routes (one student per seat, or two family members to one seat). Bus service will be canceled within the Craig City limit and CCSD will prioritize Hollis, Klawock, and Port St. Nick routes.
- K-8 student release will be staggered at the end of the day to provide appropriate social distancing. Please note that school provided phones will be off limits to students after school. All after school arrangements need to be made prior to your student arriving to school.

- K-8 entries will also be staggered. School buildings will not be open to students until 7:45am. If you will be dropping your student off at school please drop them off between 7:45am – 8:00am.
- K-12 students will report to their homeroom/classroom first thing in the morning.
- Student and staff temperatures will be checked every day upon entering school buildings. Anyone with a temperature of 100.3 or above will be asked to go home immediately. The student or staff member should be tested for COVID-19 and, if necessary, be evaluated by their health care provider.
- Use of water fountains will not be permitted. Students should bring water bottles from home and will be allowed to refill their water bottles at school.
- Food service will be delivered to students' classrooms in our K-8 buildings. At the high school level, food service will be a combination of in-class and utilization of the commons area.

The items noted above are only some of the modifications CCSD has made in preparation for the coming school year. A copy of the district's draft CCSD Smart Start to School Guidelines can be found on the CCSD website located at <https://www.ccsd.k12.ak.us/>. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the entire document. The CCSD School Board will be taking additional public comment on the district's plan during the Tuesday, August 25 Board meeting prior to formally adopting the plan. If there are items within the current plan that would be important for the Board to address that will improve our safety protocols or instructional model, please note that the Board will provide the public an opportunity to share these recommendations during the August Board meeting.

CCSD values the support and guidance our families and community members provide, thank you! Together we will ensure the strongest learning experience possible for all of our students.

Sincerely,



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