



# Craig City School District

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Dear CCSD Families and Community Members:

As February brings us noticeably longer days, we are gaining over four minutes of daylight each day, it also brings us a plethora of student activities.

- CCSD students are actively preparing for Academic Decathlon and Battle of the Books competitions which take place later this month.
- High school students are continuing fundraising for their May National Close Up trip to Washington D.C. and New York City.
- High school students are actively involved in drum line, cheerleading, basketball, and E-Sports. Students are also gearing up for Music Fest and Art Fest in April.
- Middle school students are actively involved with wrestling.
- We have a number of parents who are volunteering their time for our students to engage in archery, NYO, and elementary wrestling.

These activities provide other avenues for our students to showcase their talents and interests. CCSD would like to recognize all of our students' extra-curricular academic and athletic efforts and the coaches, advisors, and volunteers who support these student interests. These activities play such a critical a role in the development of active, well-rounded students.

February is also an important month for CCSD as we are in the process of making initial preparations for the 2020-2021 school year. During the February 26, 2020 CCSD School Board meeting, the CCSD Board will revise our FY 2020 budget. This budget revision provides the district the opportunity to tighten our FY 2020 budget projections based on our actual revenues and expenditures to date. This budget revision also serves as the first step in our FY 21 budget development process because we have a much stronger sense of how our actual revenues and expenditures have changed during the school year. As we prepare for our FY 21 budget work, it is important for our stakeholders to understand that the FY 21 budget that was developed by Governor Dunleavy currently calls for "flat funding" for K-12 public education. Although "flat funding" is ultimately a reduction in district revenues, due to annual inflation drivers, "flat funding" would be a win for school districts given the state's current fiscal environment. CCSD as well as other Alaska school districts are advocating our legislature to uphold, at a minimum, the funding Governor Dunleavy has proposed within his FY 21 budget. Although not ideal, The K-12 budget proposed by Governor Dunleavy provides school districts across the state some sense of stability and predictability for our budget development responsibilities and provides us an opportunity to meet our Constitutional responsibility for providing all children an appropriate education that provides viable options for students upon graduation.

Finally, CCSD is gearing up for our March 12 and 13 in-service. Once again, CCSD is partnering with Community Connections and POW Health Network in the development of our POW Resiliency Summit. The POW Resiliency Summit is a tremendous opportunity for our island agencies to collaborate and support each of our efforts to improve the educational opportunities and services available for our island youth.

In closing, thank you for providing CCSD the opportunity to work with your child(ren). If there is additional information I could provide about any of the topics noted in this letter or any other district program or initiative, please contact me at the phone number above or the email address below. Enjoy the longer days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Reitan', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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