



Craig City School District

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Dear CCSD Parents, Families, and Community Members,

I'm pleased to report that CCSD has experienced a smooth and positive start of the school year! It's my sincere hope the same has proven to be true for each of you as well. It's always a joy to see our schools come alive with the energy, enthusiasm, and bright smiles of our students as they embark on a new year of learning and growth. CCSD staff have worked hard to create warm, welcoming environments where every student feels empowered and supported. With that said, I am confident this year will be one of great success!

You may have already received your child's state testing results, which were mailed out recently. These assessments serve as one of our tools to help us better understand each student's academic progress and tailor our instruction to meet their individual needs. As you review your child's results, please keep the following in mind:

- AK Star Assessments provide a baseline to evaluate student performance and growth within the State of Alaska.
- When compared to national assessments, Alaska has set a high standard for achievement with AK Star Assessments. Educators at CCSD as well as across the state are striving to meet those standards.
- Approaching proficient doesn't mean students are failing, rather it means students are making progress towards the high standards set by the State of Alaska.
- NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and M-Class Testing are administered throughout the school year. These assessments help keep staff and parents/guardians regularly informed on student performance and growth. All these assessments as well as the informal and formal assessments provided by your child's teacher help provide the full story of your child's progress and achievement.

If you happen to have any questions regarding your child's testing results, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, your child's school principal, CCSD's testing coordinator, and/or myself directly. We are all here to support your child's learning journey.

I'd also like to make note of an important, upcoming event that could have a significant impact on CCSD's school community. On the **City of Craig's General Municipal Election Ballot for October 1, 2024**, you will notice **Proposition 2**, which reads, *"Shall the City of Craig increase the sales tax from 5% to 7% between April 1 and September 30 and from 5% to 6% between October 1 and March 31 with the additional sales tax revenue generated by the increased sales tax dedicated to funding the Craig City School District, effective January 1, 2025?"* As you are likely aware, **Proposition 2** is in response to the lack of

state funding for education. If passed, the additional revenue will provide direct benefit to our kids and the education they receive at CCSD. With that said, it's CCSD's hope that our community will pull together on behalf of our children and their education - they are our future and worth our investment. CCSD encourages all to stay informed with regard to school funding and to participate in this vital decision that directly affects our school's ability to provide our students with the high-quality education they deserve.

In closing, I truly believe our community's strength and commitment to education have always been the foundation of our success. Together, we can ensure our schools continue to remain vibrant places of learning and growth. I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support of our schools, our students, and our staff. Your involvement makes all the difference.

With great appreciation and excitement for the year ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jackie Hanson
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