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Dear CCSD Parents, Families, and Community Members,

October was a time of significance for our community, highlighted by our City of Craig Municipal Elections. First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported and voted in favor of Proposition 2. Your commitment, dedication, and advocacy will lead to a real difference for our schools, teachers, and most importantly, our students. Thank you for believing in the importance of investing in our students and their education as well as for being a part of this momentous step forward!

Additionally, on behalf of CCSD, I'm pleased to announce our newly elected member of the CCSD School Board, Ms. Bonnie Morris. Mr. Hans Hjort was re-elected and will serve a second term on the Board as well.

The CCSD School Board for the 2024-2025 school year includes the following members:

- **Hans Hjort** - President
- **Ben Page** - Vice President
- **Julie McDonald** - Secretary/Treasurer
- **Trish Conatser** - Member
- **Bonnie Morris** - Member
- **Art Frank**, CCSD Board Student Representative

As you may know, October is a critical month for school districts across the state, as it serves as our official student count period, which determines the majority of CCSD's funding for the 2024-2025 school year. CCSD's budget for the 2024-2025 school year was initially based on an expected enrollment of 677 students. However, CCSD's enrollment after the 20-day count period (9/30 -10/25/24) is projected at 631 students. This projected decrease in student enrollment will present CCSD with additional financial challenges. Nonetheless, we will keep our heads held high while we work together on adjusting our resources and planning to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education for our students. As we approach the next legislative session, I can't stress enough the importance of adequate funding for public education. Public school funding will once again be a crucial issue; hence, CCSD asks for your support as we advocate for the resources necessary to serve all students.

To end on a lighter note, I'm pleased to include a few exciting accomplishment and events that took place during October:

- **Academic Achievements**
Our students continue to excel academically, making strides in mastering routines and embracing growth-focused learning. We look forward to sharing more of their successes as the year progresses.

Our students will be compassionate, resilient, self-sufficient, engaged members of their community.
CCSD will establish a community of learning that empowers the whole child to embrace life-long learning and a growth mindset.

- **Fall Athletics & Activities**

We are incredibly proud of our students and the school spirit they have shown this season. From cross country and swimming meets to volleyball and basketball games along with wrestling matches and honor band performances, our students have demonstrated dedication, teamwork, and perseverance. Thank you to coaches, staff, and families for their support of our students with their individual endeavors. A special congratulations to Aulis Nelson, CHS Sophomore, and Division III Alaska State Cross Country Champion!

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

We are grateful for all our parent/guardian participation with CCSD's recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. Engaging in conference discussions with teachers plays an essential role in a child's education. Not only do we strive to build a strong home-school partnership, but we also value your collaboration, thank you!

We look forward to continuing our work with all of you to create an inspiring and supportive learning environment for CCSD students. Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our schools.

Happy Halloween!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Hanson
Superintendent, Craig City School District