



# Craig City School District

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Dear CCSD Parents, Guardians, Families & School Community,

Believe it or not, today marks the start of CCSD's second semester at CES, CMS, and CHS! PACE Statewide Correspondence Homeschool's second semester officially kicked off on January 5th. As is typical at the semester break, schedule and/or course changes may occur at CMS, CHS, and PACE. Please review school communications or contact school offices if you have any questions about schedules or new classes.

As we begin the semester, we're also heading into the start of the second session of the 34th Alaska Legislature on Tuesday, January 20th. Decisions made early in the session will have a real impact on education funding across the state.

With that said, there is a short window for the Legislature to reconsider vetoed bills, including **Senate Bill 113 (SB 113)**. If a joint session isn't held within the first five (5) days of session, that opportunity goes away. SB 113 updates Alaska's tax structure for today's economy. It does not raise taxes on individuals or small businesses, but instead ensures large, multi-state, digital corporations contribute based on revenue generated in Alaska.

SB 113 also unlocks funding tied to **House Bill 57 (HB 57)**, including:

- **Reading Proficiency Grants** to support early literacy under the Alaska Reads Act, and
- Increased funding for **Career & Technical Education (CTE)**, helping prepare students for future careers.

I strongly encourage families and school community members to reach out to our legislators and ask them to support a joint session to override the veto of SB 113 within the first 5-days of session. I've included our legislators email addresses below for ease of reference.

- **Senator Bert Stedman** - [Senator.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov)
- **Representative Rebecca Himschoot** - [Representative.Rebecca.Himschoot@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Rebecca.Himschoot@akleg.gov)

Thank you in advance for your advocacy for public education. Your voice matters, and when families and educators speak together, it strengthens our support for students across Alaska.

On a local note, I want to provide a brief update on the Craig Elementary & Middle School (CEMS) Rehabilitation Project. Work on the CMS continues, but past and present discoveries of rot and leaks have put the project slightly behind schedule. Crews are addressing these issues carefully to ensure the improvements are safe and long lasting. CCSD is deeply appreciative for the patience and flexibility of students, staff, and families as this project moves forward.

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society.  
CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day to transfer their learning to life.

Last, but not least, in February CCSD will celebrate School Board Appreciation Month. I want to thank our Board members for their time and service, and I encourage you to join me in sharing your appreciation with them as well.

- **Hans Hjort**, President — hhjort@craigschools.com
- **Ben Page**, Vice President — bpage@craigschools.com
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As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions - my door is always open! Thank you for your continued partnership, and best wishes for a great second semester.

Warm regards,

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