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Dear CCSD Parents, Guardians, Families & School Community,

As we move through the third quarter of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank our staff, students, families, and community for the continued support provided to our schools. The partnership between our schools and community play an important role in creating strong opportunities for our kids. I also want to share an opportunity for our community to engage in an important statewide conversation about public education funding.

The second session of the 34th Alaska Legislature is well underway, and public education funding remains a topic that is being discussed in Juneau. One of the newer bills under consideration is **House Bill 374, which proposes increasing Alaska's Base Student Allocation (BSA) from \$6,600 to \$7,290**, an increase of \$630 per student.

In short, the cost of operating schools - fuel, utilities, transportation, insurance, and staffing - continues to increase. Although the BSA increase during the last legislative session helped, it did not keep pace with inflation or the rising cost of providing education across Alaska.

As the legislature continues to consider education funding this session, community voices remain an important part of the process. CCSD students, staff, parents, families, and community members are encouraged to share their perspectives. **On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., there will be an opportunity to provide public testimony on HB 374.**

[How to Participate & Provide Public Testimony on March 11th @ 5pm](#)

- Call **844-586-9085** (and ask to testify on HB 374)
-OR-
- Email: **house.education@akleg.gov** (to submit written testimony)

When providing testimony, it can be especially powerful to share **your personal connection** to our schools. Legislators value hearing directly from students, staff, parents, and community members about how school funding impacts their local school and community.

[Possible Talking Points for Testimony on March 11th at 5pm](#)

- Increasing the BSA helps provide stability for schools and supports students across Alaska, especially in small and rural communities.

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.

- Operating costs such as fuel, utilities, transportation, insurance, and staffing have increased significantly.
- Last year's BSA funding increase helped but did not keep pace with inflation.
- School districts across Alaska are continuing to face difficult decisions about staffing, programs, and opportunities for students.
- You may also wish to share how funding decisions affect your child, classroom, school programs, or the opportunities available to students in Craig.

Sample Public Testimony on March 11th at 5pm

Mr./Madam Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I am testifying in support of House Bill 374 and the proposed increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

The cost of operating schools has continued to rise and school districts are facing higher costs for fuel, utilities, transportation, insurance, and staffing. While last year's increase helped, it did not keep pace with the inflation schools have experienced.

School districts across Alaska are being forced to make difficult decisions that affect staffing, programs, and opportunities for students. A meaningful increase to the BSA will help stabilize school funding and allow districts to continue providing quality educational opportunities for students.

As a member of the school community, I care deeply about the opportunities available to our students and the strength of our local schools. Thank you for your time and for supporting Alaska's students.

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, please remember that CCSD's Spring Break is scheduled for March 23-27, 2026. We hope our students, staff, and families enjoy this well-deserved time to rest and recharge!

Finally, we would like to recognize and congratulate our Lady Panthers, who captured the Regional Championship and will proudly represent Craig at the State Tournament this week! We are so proud of their hard work, teamwork, and dedication - the entire school community is cheering them on!

Warm regards,



Jackie Hanson
Superintendent, Craig City School District