Craig City School District

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Dear CCSD Families and Community Members:

The winter holiday break is almost upon us, and this time of year provides a great opportunity for all of us at CCSD to reflect upon how fortunate we are in this community for the support the district receives from our parents, community members, and our governmental partners.

The City of Craig, Craig Tribal Association, Shaan-Seet, and Tlingit Haida Central Council are exceptional, steadfast partners who always rise to the needs of our community and our students. When you couple this support with the unwavering support our schools, students, and staff members receive from parents and community members, CCSD is positioned well to ensure students have access to exceptional curricula options, providing a high quality PreK-12 experience.

Additionally, this time of year provides a plethora of opportunities to celebrate our students' talents. Last week our kindergarten – 4th grade elementary students performed their Winter Concert to a packed house in the middle school gym. Our 5th grade band, middle school and high school bands, and high school choir performed their rendition of Joy last night in the high school auditorium. Students have been excelling in athletics. The high school volleyball program displayed grit and "stick-to-it-ness" this year as they battled our regional competition. Our high school wrestling program performed well at the regional competition with two athletes qualifying for the state tournament. Academic Decathlon had an excellent showing at a SE regional competition in Ketchikan. High school basketball teams are gearing up for their first competitions of the school year starting this Thursday (December 14) with the Klawock tournament. Finally, middle school wrestling starts after the holiday break on January 2, 2024. CCSD is proud to be able to offer these types of activities that allows our students to develop and showcase the wide range of skills, knowledge, and talent they possess.

In closing, we would like to wish our entire community a safe, restful winter holiday break. Enjoy your time with family members and friends.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 907-826-3274 ext. 4003 or the email below if I can provide additional information about the items noted in this letter or any other district initiative.

Happy holidays,

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