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DATE: September, 2024  
TO: School Board Members  
FROM: Kara Burghardt  
SUBJECT: CES Principal's Report to the CSD School Board

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This report covers the period from August, 2024 - September, 2024. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

**1. Academic Excellence:** Starting a new school year is a great time to refresh academic goals and facilitate discussions on how to enable students to achieve their greatest potential. A new focus on HMH Reading Materials, brand new Big Ideas Math Materials, and Science Curriculum, too, will allow staff to dig into needs and build their programs to assist students at all ability levels.

**2. Staff Development:** To begin the year, there will be an emphasis on creating opportunities and professional development to support the new curriculum being utilized for 24-25. There will also be team building activities and a focus on Chronic Absenteeism and how we can counter its impact on CES.

**3. Infrastructure and Facilities:** The Seismic Grant Work is nearing completion. There will be an assorted amount of small projects throughout September, but the majority of the work will be complete on August 28. The entire building is looking great and refreshed. The new bleachers have also been ordered and we are looking forward to their arrival. When they are installed, it will look pretty sharp in the Cardiff Gym. Huge thank you to Sarah McClure, Jason Krause, Will Seals, Cholla Grigsby, and Clayton Hanson for their work with the construction company and all of the dedicated work this summer to create a CES that we can all be proud of.

**4. Student Engagement and Well-being:** We will continue to utilize the Character Strong Curriculum "Purposeful People". This is the third year with the curriculum and it provides monthly themes that are utilized schoolwide culminating in our monthly Golden Paw Awards at the PBIS Assembly.

**5. Community Partnerships:** We will be working together to acknowledge all of the donations and support we received for our Bleacher Fundraiser. Once the bleachers are in place, we will hold a celebration assembly to reveal the donation banner and publicly thank all who contributed financially as well as facilitating the donation and reaching out to the various companies to get the appropriate materials and bleachers purchased.

**6. Challenges and Mitigation:** The biggest challenge in the new year will be adjusting to the staff changes and reduction of support services. I am currently working to develop a schedule that properly addresses staff and student needs within the limitations of the current budget scenario.

**7. Extracurricular:** Football, Soccer, Fall Softball and Dance are the main extracurricular activities that CES students are participating in. CES does not provide any school sponsored activities.

**8. Future Initiatives:** Working together as a staff to dive into SBAC and Schoolwide Data to set goals for students as a school, grade level, classroom, and individually. Further exploration of behavior practices and attendance data to set goals for those areas, as well.

**9. Upcoming Events:**

- September 3: CSD School Board Meeting. CES Library.
- September 5: First Day of School for CES Students
- September 9-13: Fall Academic Assessment Window
- September 17: Open House 5:30-7 (Details to follow).
- September 24: School Picture Day
- September 27: PBIS Assembly @1:30 in Cardiff Gym
- September 30-October 4: Dental Screenings K-6

**10. Conclusion:**

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of this report. I am more than happy to provide further details as needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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