

# CAPS Collaborative

## Director's Report

November 10, 2020

**Student Enrollment:** As in all year's student enrollment fluctuates throughout the school year. With the pandemic and various different learning scenarios for our sending districts, enrollment will be hard to predict moving forward. We did start the year at a high enrollment of 142 students. Since then numbers have ebbed and flowed but currently sit at 143 students enrolled. This number is slightly above our budgeted enrollment number and will serve well to support our fiscal status with the year starting out strong.

**Covid Testing:** We did opt to apply to be part of the Phase One Covid in School testing program for our Gateway program. After discussion with our program directors and the school-based program nurses it was determined that our satellite programs were not a good match for in house testing, but the Gateway program would apply. We have submitted the application and will wait to see if we are even chosen to participate.

**Flu shot requirement:** Our school nurses are working with families to support compliance with this new vaccine requirement. Most families seem to be responding. We have received several opt out letter based on religious reasons. We will continue to work with individual parents to meet with this new vaccine compliance.

**Collaborative Program Review:** Last week I uploaded the final documentation for our Coordinated Program Review to the DESE website. Having served as Special Education Director for many years' compliance is a strength I bring to the table and I feel that we will work through the review with good success. At this time DESE is still working on how the actual Review will be handled based on Covid constraints.

**Covid Updates:** At this time, we have been fortunate to not have had any positive tests related to our students or staff. Clearly it is only a matter of time before that changes. We have had many students and staff that have presented with symptoms and have been tested. Recently the number of people who have had direct contacts has increased sharply. In those situations, staff are then asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. We have been working behind the scenes to address possible staff shortages with an attempt to remain open. Time will tell.

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