



Director's Report

June 12, 2024

Student Enrollment: 177

Staffing: We currently have ASL interpreter positions open in our middle and high school DHHP in Newton. We have two teaching positions open in our Gateway School. We are currently posting for a BCBA and school psychologist. We have posted the position of Director of Student Services and have interviews scheduled. We have a PT position open and Pre-K DHHP Teacher of the Deaf.

Contract Services Availability:

- We may have 2 SLPAs available for full-time services available beginning in September.
- We have 2 PTA days available for contracted services beginning in September, and the availability for PT/OT evaluations.

Referrals: All programs have referrals.

Coordinated Program Review: We submitted our second and final progress report to DESE and have fulfilled all requirements.

Space: We have now acquired the last available space at 2 Narrows Road in Westminster as of June 5, 2024. We will be rearranging office and support staff spaces, calming space, along with first floor classroom spaces for a more organized use of space within the building.

Still exploring space for the entire Senators Program, we plan to use a classroom space in unit B104 of the Sonoma square building to start an elementary aged program. We anticipate this to be a short term location, one school year at the most, as we continue to explore a long term home for the entirety of the Senators Classrooms.

Special Education Directors Group: CAPS Central Mass Special Education Directors group met on June 4th where Judy Scola, SLP, and Cindy Hastings, Assistive Technology Software Specialist provided an overview of CAPS AAC services.

Recent Events

- **Gateway Graduation:** We were proud and excited to graduate our 6 Gateway Seniors on June 7th. Many families and caregivers attended this very special event.
- **DHHP Newton End of Year Celebration:** This event was held on May 30th at Newton North High School. It was a wonderful celebration of our amazing students and staff.

Upcoming Events:

- **Step Program Graduation:** June 20th, 2024 - 6:00 PM, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School
- **ESY:** We are finalizing plans for ESY programming beginning July 9th.