



Director's Report

March 12, 2025

Student Enrollment: 203

Program Referrals: All programs have active referrals.

Staffing: We currently have ASL interpreter positions that we are looking to fill in the CAPS DHHP middle and high school programs in Newton. We have a long-term substitute teaching position open in the Kelly Day School and a long-term substitute teaching position at the Gateway School.

Space: We are finalizing floor plans for the potential new space for our Senators Program and potential Community Based Adult Day program. We are expecting a draft lease soon and will look to share this out at the April meeting.

Contracted Services Availability: CAPS AAC/AT department is available for evaluation and consultation. CAPS School psychologist is available to complete assessments. Please reach out with any speech, TVI, and O&M needs.

Budget FY2026: The FY2026 draft budget summary will be presented to the finance subcommittee before the March 12th board meeting.

Collaborative Agreement: The draft collaborative agreement was shared with DESE after the February board meeting. The draft included adding the Wachusett Regional School District as a member. Adult day programming services were also added to the agreement. Minor revisions based on DESE recommendations have been made. We can move forward with a second vote and next steps with district school committee approvals.

Highlights and Initiatives:

- Monty Tech/CAPS STEP Spring Program is up and running for the second year.
- CAPS Central Mass ETL Forum met on February 28th. Feedback from the training was overwhelmingly positive. Two additional professional development training dates will be offered to district ETLs this spring.
- Grant Update: Professional development, coaching, and modification of Gateway space is continuing as a result of the receipt of the Reducing or Eliminating the use of Time out Space Grant. We plan to re-apply if this grant is renewed. CAPS has been awarded grant funds for the implementation of the new IEP.

- MOEC is celebrating 50 years of Special Education and has launched a PR campaign highlighting collaboratives this year. CAPS Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program will be featured soon.
- The new Gateway Elementary classroom space renovation has been completed, allowing for additional student enrollments at the Kindergarten and first grade levels.

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