



## Director's Report

### May 21, 2025

**Student Enrollment:** 201

**Program Referrals:** All programs have referrals.

**Staffing:** We currently have ASL interpreter positions open in the DHHP program in Newton. We have classroom teaching positions posted in all programs for the 2025-2026 school year. Extended School Year staffing preparation is in progress. We have paraprofessional and nursing positions posted for ESY.

**Contracted Services Availability:** The CAPS AAC/AT department is available for evaluation and consultation. A CAPS school psychologist is available to complete assessments.

**Planned Expansions:**

- Gateway (Elementary classrooms)
- Senators (Elementary classrooms)
- Senators Vocational
- Over 22 programming
- Kelly Day School at the Middle/High School level

**Space:** Space in Leominster has been identified for the Senators program and the potential adult day program. We have been presented with a draft lease, which was reviewed by the facilities subcommittee on 5/13/2025.

**Collaborative Agreement:** Our amended Collaborative Agreement along with required documentation, was submitted to DESE for final review and approval by the Commissioner. The amended agreement includes the addition of the Wachusett Regional School District as of July 1, 2025. The amended agreement also includes adult day programming services.

**Special Education Directors Group:** CAPS Central Mass Special Education Directors group has continued to meet regularly. All district directors are welcome and invited to attend and participate in this monthly networking opportunity. Professional development for district ETLs has been well attended.

**Monty Tech/CAPS Grant Partnership, STEP Program:** This targeted training program is wrapping up another round of successful training. At this time, we have 14 participants from the Fitchburg, Quabbin, Lunenburg, Gardner, Orange, and Athol school districts. Six CAPS staff members serve as vocational assistants. The STEP Graduation and Job Placement Recognition Ceremony will be held on June 3rd from 6 to 7 pm at Monty Tech.

**Board Appointments: Please** remember that Board Appointments to CAPS Collaborative should be voted at school committee meetings in May or June to ensure that we can begin the 2025/2026 school year with a full board.

**Upcoming Events:**

- DHHP End of Year Celebration 5/21/2025
- Newton North High School Graduation 6/11/2025
- Gateway School Graduation 5/30/2025
- Step Program Graduation 6/3/2025

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