



Director's Report

September 10, 2025

Student Enrollment: 209

School Opening: CAPS All-Staff opening day was held on 8/25/2025 at Great Wolf Lodge. The morning included a full and inspiring agenda featuring keynote speaker JoAnn Woods-Young, a special tribute to our 50th anniversary, and heartfelt recognitions for our dedicated staff. The Gateway School name change was announced. Gateway will become the Foley Center for Education in tribute to former Executive Director Robert J. Foley. After a successful ESY program, which concluded on August 14th, all CAPS programs have started over the past few weeks, following the host school calendars.

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

Expansion Update: Our lease was secured for the Crossroads building at 690 Mechanic Street in Leominster. This new space will house our Senators program and future adult day program. Securing this space allows us to expand the Senators program at all levels, elementary, middle, high school, and vocational classrooms. We are finalizing the Public Day School approval with DESE. The buildout is expected to be complete in October. Our application for adult day program licensing is in process with the Department of Developmental Services, and plans for this new program are well underway.

Welcome, Wachusett Regional School District! As of July 1, 2025, the CAPS Collaborative amended agreement includes the Wachusett Regional School District and adult day programming services.

Special Education Directors Group: CAPS Central Mass Special Education Directors group met over the summer. Dates have been set for this year. All district directors are welcome and invited to attend and participate in this monthly networking opportunity. Professional development for district ETLs will also continue this year.

Fiscal Audit: The annual audit is currently in progress. We expect the onsite work to be completed by September 12th. Roselli, Clark, and Associates will be presenting their report at the November 12th board meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- American Sign Language class - Monday nights open to all employees
- Transition Planning open house October 22nd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted: Sheri D'Annolfo, CAPS Collaborative Executive Director