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Director's Report
March 11, 2026

Student Enrollment: 220

Program Referrals: All programs have referrals.

Staffing: We currently have ASL interpreter positions open in our DHHP middle and high school programs. A classroom teaching position is posted for the Kelly Day Program. We have a paraprofessional opening in the Foley School.

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

FY27 Budget Process: CAPS leadership team, including program directors, continue to meet to prepare the FY27 budget. Timelines moving forward would include reviewing a preliminary budget with the Finance Subcommittee in early April. The draft will then be presented at our April board meeting, with a final vote scheduled for May. Ongoing discussions around program expansion and staffing needs will continue this month.

Highlights and Initiatives:

- McCaul School opened its doors to welcome students on Wednesday, February 25th at 690 Mechanic Street, Leominster. The move from Ralph C. Mahar in Orange and 2 Narrows Road in Westminster went well. We are grateful for the support of our districts, staff, and families for helping this all come together for a very smooth opening. We are already seeing the benefits of a space designed for the specific needs of our students. All classrooms have openings, and we are reviewing additional referrals for this program. We are also grateful to the Mahar school community for the partnership and support we experienced in the district over the past 16+ years.

- Grant Update: Time Out Regulations Implementation - We are exploring options for professional development and coaching on Collaborative Problem Solving through Mass General Hospital's Think Kids program. Spring and summer professional development offerings would be ideal.

- CAPS' next ETL forum is scheduled for March 27th, led by CAPS Director of Student Services, Jennifer Storm, and Kristin M. Campione, Director of Student Services, Ayer Shirley Regional School District. This forum will be held at our new location in Leominster.

- Momentum, CAPS Community-Based Adult Program, is ready to take off as we await DDS approval. Mindy Leblanc, Program Director, has a waitlist of 25 individuals interested in joining as program members.

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