



Director's Report June 10, 2026

Student Enrollment: 216

- 12 CAPS students earned high school diplomas last week! Four students graduated from the Foley School, and 8 students graduated from the CAPS DHHP at Newton North High School.

Program Referrals: All programs have active referrals.

Staffing: We have lead teacher position openings for the 2026-2027 school year. We anticipate having ASL interpreter positions open in the DHHP in Newton pending finalization of student schedules for the fall of 2026.

Contracted Services Availability: The CAPS AAC/AT department is available for evaluation and consultation. CAPS Teacher of the Visually Impaired is available for evaluation, consultation, and direct services. BCBA consultation and evaluation time is available.

Program Space Update for the 2026-2027 School Year:

- CAPS Kelly Day MS/HS classrooms will be moving to the Ashburnham-Westminister School District. Kelly Day pre-K and elementary classrooms will remain in the Quabbin Regional School District.
- CAPS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Middle School program will remain in the Newton Public Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, with plans to relocate the program at the middle school level for the 2027-2028 school year.
- The lease was signed for the additional first-floor space in Leominster, adjacent to our current space in the McCaul School. We are exploring opening an additional early childhood classroom in this space for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Department of Developmental Services application: Our application to provide adult services has been resubmitted to DDS.

Coordinated Program Review: CAPS has been notified of our upcoming Coordinated Program Review with DESE during the 2026-2027 school year. Our on-site review will take place in November 2026. An initial training meeting was held with DESE on May 6th to prepare for our upcoming review.

DESE Financial Review: CAPS has been notified of our upcoming financial review, which the department will complete in July 2026. The review includes documentation uploads and a one-day on-site visit to review our fiscal conditions and operations. This review will take place every 6 years and should follow the same schedule as our Coordinated Program Review.

ELE DESE Review: CAPS has been notified that a review of our English Learner Education program will be conducted in September 2026.

Upcoming Events:

- Special Olympics June 18th
- ESY July 7th to August 13th

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