



Director's Report

September 09, 2026

Student Enrollment: 220

School Opening: CAPS All-Staff opening day was held on 8/25/2026 at Great Wolf Lodge. The morning included new employee introductions, longevity recognitions, and a special tribute to Dr. Edward J. McCaul. After a successful ESY program, which concluded on August 13th, all CAPS programs have opened for the 2026-2027 school year over the past few weeks, following the host school/district calendars.

Contracted Services Availability: The CAPS AAC/AT department is available for evaluation and consultation. CAPS' Teacher of the Deaf is available for direct services and consultation.

Space/Expansion Update:

- DESE approved our newest space at 680 Mechanic Street in August to house an additional elementary classroom at McCaul School.
- Gym/sensory space at the Foley School in Westminister is nearing completion. Installation of flooring is scheduled for next week.
- CAPS Kelly Day Middle-High School classrooms have relocated to Oakmont in the Ashburnham-Westminister District.
- Promotional materials highlighting CAPS Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program have been developed. They will be distributed to districts with potential middle school space as we work to secure a new partner beginning with the 2027/2028 school year.

Momentum: The Office of Quality Enhancement/Department of Developmental Services granted final approval for the opening of CAPS over 22 program, Momentum. Program members will begin to transition into the program over the next few weeks.

Special Education Directors Group: Dates have been set for this year. All member district directors are welcome and invited to participate in this monthly networking opportunity. Meetings will be held at 690 Mechanic Street in Leominster.

DESE Financial Protocol Review: CAPS financial review was completed in July, and the final report has been received. Twelve criteria were reviewed.

Fiscal Audit: The annual audit is in progress. We anticipate the onsite work to be completed during the week of September 14th. Roselli, Clark, and Associates will be presenting their final report at the November 18th board meeting.

DESE Coordinated Program Review: The initial documentation review and upload are complete. DESE liaisons will be on-site in mid-November for program visits, interviews, and file reviews.

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