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Director's Report

October 18, 2026

Student Enrollment: 220

Momentum Enrollment: 7

Referrals - All programs have active referrals.

Staffing - We are currently posting for a pre-K teacher in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program and an elementary and middle school teacher for the McCaul School. We have a classroom LPN position open and a 1:1 LPN position open in the Kelly Day Program.

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

Space/Expansion Update:

- Gym/sensory space renovations at the Foley School in Westminster have been completed. Updates to 680 Mechanic Street are complete and we are preparing to open a second elementary classroom in this space.
- Promotional materials highlighting CAPS Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program have been developed and distributed to districts with potential middle school space as we work to secure a new partner beginning with the 2027/2028 school year.

Momentum: Referrals and enrollment are steady. Group supported employment is planned to start in December.

Special Education Directors Group: 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 Coordinated Program Review: DESE liaisons are on-site this week for program visits, interviews, and file reviews.

Facilities Review: DESE will be conducting facilities assessments of all 24 Collaboratives and approved private special education school spaces in Massachusetts this year. All assessments are expected to be completed by the end of the school year, and CAPS is awaiting notification of an anticipated inspection date.

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