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**School/Program: Special Education
Administrator School Board Update
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This update is designed for the administrator to provide a monthly written update to the School Board and the public. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but instead intended to provide a quick summation in each category (2 pages max).

Staff update:

District-Wide - I am happy to announce that Tessa Mascetta joined us on 10/27 in the role of Special Services office manager. We still have an opening for a full-time district-wide school Psychologist.

Facility update:

Just wanted to remind everyone that the Special Services Department is located on the ground floor of the 1930s portion of the middle school. Thank you Dave B. for working on sorting out phone issues. For those of you who have attempted to reach us by phone over the last two months, I apologize, as we were not getting the calls or messages. That is now corrected and the dedicated special services number is 799-8812.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update:

A correction on the implementation of a new Dyslexia screener for some of our youngest learners. The screener is part of the suite of services provided through NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association). My understanding is that the first administration of the new Dyslexia Screener will be this winter for first and second grade students and this spring for our Kindergarten students.

Celebrate the Good: I would like to send a huge thank you to the support staff in: the tech department, the business office, and Superintendents office for providing several training sessions on a variety of platforms for Tessa, the new Special Services Office Manager.

Upcoming events/ pending changes at DOE:

One of the primary focus items in meeting with the Cumberland County Special Education Directors is around obtaining further guidance from Maine DOE on service options and supports for students up to 22 years of age.

Current Numbers:

Cape is currently supporting 177 - students through special education services.

- 3 students are outplaced
- 9 students are currently in the referral process.