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Cape Cod Collaborative Quarterly Report

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Cape Cod Collaborative Member Districts

Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Cape Cod Regional Technical, Dennis Yarmouth Regional, Eastham, Falmouth, Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee, Monomoy Regional, Nantucket, Nauset, Orleans, Plymouth, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Upper Cape Regional Technical, Wareham, Wellfleet

Spotlight on Waypoint Academy

Waypoint Academy welcomes back Ms. Lenka Ward to our teaching staff. Ms. Ward brings experience and excitement to our Waypoint family and we couldn't be more excited to provide more offerings to our students with her joining our team.

Student learning continued both in and out of our classroom walls. Many of our students participated in fieldtrips to Plimoth Patuxet Museum in Plymouth and the John F. Kennedy Museum in Hyannis. Both trips were huge successes and we look forward to increasing our off campus learning opportunities. In addition to all of the students' day to day hard work, we found time to celebrate with our Thanksgiving and Holiday Luncheons for our students and their families the day before the school vacations.

As 2026 quickly approaches, we look forward to welcoming Mr. Christopher Oliva as our new Waypoint Academy Program Director. Mr. Oliva comes to us from the New Bedford Public Schools as the Principal of the Trinity Day Academy. We are excited for Mr. Oliva to begin his new position as the Waypoint Academy Program Director on February 2, 2026.



Mission

The mission of the Cape Cod Collaborative is to provide, as an interdependent collaboration of member school districts, a flexible, evolving range of high-quality, cost-effective programs and services.



Vision

To ensure its success, the Collaborative will establish and maintain communication, governance structures, and practice that regularly assess needs, provide collaborative solutions, and monitor effectiveness.



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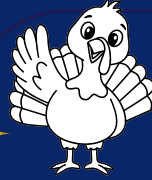


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STAR Program

The STAR program had a great fall. In November, half of the school went to Plimoth Patuxet and had a wonderful day learning about the lives of the Native people and the Pilgrims. Our 18–22-year-old classroom maintained weekly community outings. On November 25th, STAR families joined us for performances and lunch to celebrate Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful day. Sam Holmstock returned to do drumming through the Mass Cultural Council grant. Our facility dog, Calvin, also continued to acclimate into the program, and classrooms added time with him into their weekly schedules.



Transportation

The Cape Cod Collaborative, in partnership with Nantucket Public Schools, would like to announce that we have our very first 7D driver in Nantucket. During the 2024 school year, we began discussing the idea of using vans to transport students who are in some of the more remote parts of the island, as well as offering flexibility for special needs transportation. We have two 7D vehicles on the island, which will help us to alleviate overcrowding, particularly on our small buses. Our first Nantucket 7D driver, Ed Espinosa, will be starting his route at the beginning of January, and we look forward to adding additional drivers in the near future.



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Facilities & Infrastructure

Cape Cod Collaborative administrators attended three Yarmouth Select Board meetings over the past three months. A discussion about the location and next steps for a new Yarmouth library brought up the consideration and question of taking the Waypoint Academy building and repurposing it as a library. The Yarmouth library subcommittee task force is proposing to build a new mostly grant funded building nearby.

The Cape Cod Collaborative's Waypoint Academy program moved to our new Yarmouth location in July of 2022 after a renovation project that has exceeded \$5 million dollars. The loan to cover much of that renovation project is due to be paid off by the Collaborative as of August 2031. The program's previous two locations on the Base and in Sandwich were in buildings in which Waypoint was a last tenant before the buildings were torn down.

The Yarmouth Select Board placed a request to their Town Meeting members on November 17th to further study this taking and repurposing option. That request for funding was not approved by town meeting members.

In early December, Executive Director Dr. Hope Hanscom presented to the Yarmouth Select Board to describe the regional effort that resulted in the Waypoint Academy being moved to this newly renovated albeit 75 year old building. Letters of support for the program from the region's Superintendents were shared with the Yarmouth Select Board. Senator Cyr's support for the program with a legislative funding allocation to support capital project needs at Waypoint was also highlighted.

Providing our most vulnerable and challenged special education students appropriate facilities is not just a Cape Cod problem. It is a statewide issue that will soon be studied through a legislative allocation requested by the Mass Organization of Educational Collaboratives.

We promise to keep our member districts updated on this very important issue.

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Executive Director's Report

As we close Quarter 2, Cape Cod Collaborative has focused on reflection, listening, and engagement as we prepare for the next phase of our work. This quarter, in collaboration with Teaching and Learning Alliance (TLA), we launched a series of staff, family, and district focus groups along with organization-wide surveys to gather meaningful feedback on our programs, services, and operations. These efforts are designed to inform a comprehensive strategic planning process that will help guide priorities, resource allocation, and decision making in the years ahead. Program teams have continued to deliver high quality educational and therapeutic services while participating thoughtfully in this work, and administrative staff have supported strong coordination and communication. We look forward to using this collective input to strengthen Cape Cod Collaborative and better serve students and member districts.



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Programs and Services

- **Waypoint Academy**
- **STAR Program**
- **Related Services**
- **Transportation**
- **Professional Development**
- **Virtual High School**
- **ASLP (Advance Studies and Leadership Program)**

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