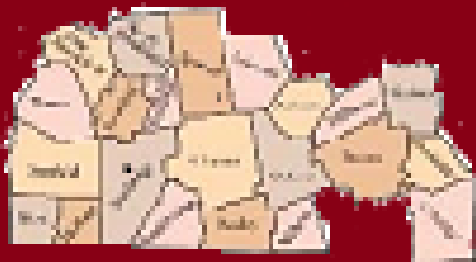


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**SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE**

**FY24 Q1
QUARTERLY
REPORT**

JULY 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



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SWCEC AT A GLANCE

Thank you for taking the time to read this first installment of the SWCEC Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2024. This report spans from July 1 through September 30, 2023.

The 2023-2024 school year has started off quite well and the energy and enthusiasm we saw during our Extended School Year (ESY) programming has certainly continued. While we did encounter some unexpected vacancies at the end of the summer, particularly within our intensive special needs Developmental Program, we were able to successfully recruit new teaching and support staff to fill those roles and the program is well on its way to having another successful year. We also saw a recently unprecedented number of new hires throughout the summer leading into our kickoff of this school year.

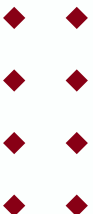
In terms of programming and professional development our staff will continue the Extended Tuesdays to engage in Professional Learning Communities to expand their knowledge and expertise across several interest areas generated by our Professional Development Committee as well as spurred on by the implementation of our three-year Strategic Plan. This year we will be working in refining our use of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, working toward Curriculum Mapping, developing Training Modules for internal and external professional development, continuing enhancement of support of Low Incidence Disabilities, and a deeper dive of Project Based Learning within our middle school team.

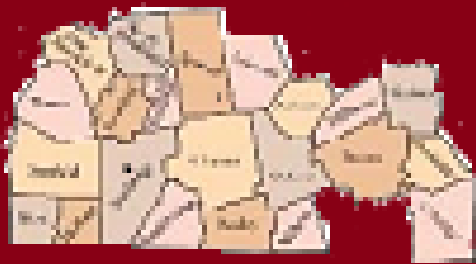
My goals for the Collaborative this school year primarily relate to the use and implementation of our Strategic Plan to enhance our already strong programming for students and professional development of our committed and caring staff.

I hope that the start of this school year has gone smoothly for our member districts and that you find the updates from each of our programs and departments in the following pages to be informative, uplifting, and supportive of your districts' needs.

Yours in Education,

Arnold Lundwall





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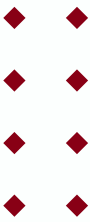
SPECIALIZED DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

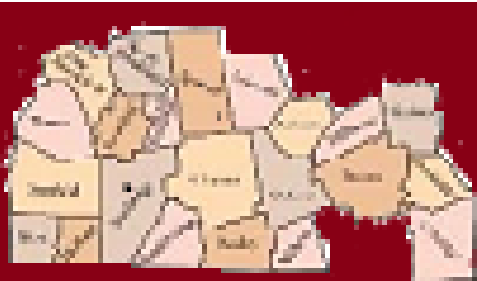
Enrollment as of 9/30/2023 - 13

Dennis Todd, Director of Special Services

The Developmental Program had a successful extended school year program and start of the 2023-2024 school year. This summer the Grow Elementary School students participated in the extended school year services on the Dudley campus. With the Grow Elementary students on campus, it brought more opportunities for reverse inclusion for the Developmental Program students. On a weekly basis students from the Grow elementary, middle, and high school sat in on music lessons and literacy units with their Developmental Program peers. Quarter one curricular highlights included the life cycles of plants, animals, and insects. Enrichment activities for each of these lessons included arts and crafts, videos, and accompanied music themes. The summer weather was conducive for outdoor activities including movement breaks and working in the adapted raised garden bed planting flowers and vegetables. News2You unit highlights included Patriots Day, Fun in France, and Fat Bear Week.

The Developmental Program welcomed the addition of Ashley Ressler as Special Education Teacher for the older students and Amanda Smith as an Educational Assistant.





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GROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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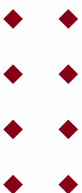
Eric Glazier, Principal

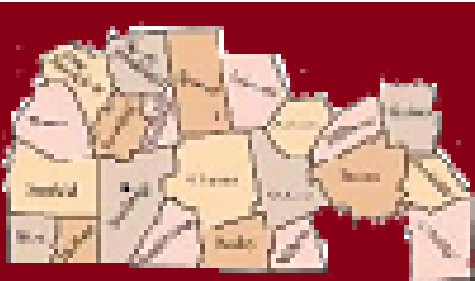
EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR—This year's summer program occurred at the Dudley Campus. This was the second year that GES held its extended year program in the middle school wing. Eighteen students attended the program, that accounted for more than 50% of our total enrollment. Students participated in a variety of outdoor activities including crafts, sports games, fishing and fun educational challenges.

New Playground—The Grow Elementary School was very fortunate to install a piece of playground equipment over the summer. The project was primarily funded through several generous donations and grants from local businesses and organizations. Through volunteer labor, the site was excavated, concrete footers poured, equipment installed, and bark mulch was spread at no cost.

FALL 2023—GES underwent their yearly PBIS refresher with staff and students. This year there is a fundamental shift to replace the "Respect" tenant of PBIS with "Kind". The three PBIS qualities are now: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible. It was found that the term respect is harder to define and is less culturally sensitive. However, the term kindness is much more universally recognized and easier to define for students with disabilities. Students are continually acknowledged when they exemplify these three qualities.

In addition to the renewal of PBIS, GES is also in its fourth year of the Envisions Math Curriculum. The online platform was primarily purchased this year, to supplement the consumable materials. This allows students to access this curriculum through the use of their school issued laptop.





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GROW MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment as of 9/30/2023 -Middle 20, High 38, Rise 2

Anthony Cacace, Principal

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR-Grow Middle High School students enriched their learning through hands on projects and field trips. Aside from daily studies, student were hands on learning budget planning, budgets and pricing with trips to the supermarket and Home Depot.

FALL 2023 - The school year kicked off with initiating new PBIS tier groups including new incentives, posters and t-shirts. In comparison to years past, this September has seen an increase in the number of students obtaining trust level. This level means they have demonstrated responsibility and good work ethic. As a result, they are rewarded with additional privileges during the day. Twice a month, a team including a teacher, counselor, administrator and nurse meet to review continued progress of students. on level III.

Middle school project based learning kicked off their aquatic studies with a tour of Petco to purchase habitat items . In collaboration with the Developmental Program students are working together in the garden. Senior privileges have been added and implemented

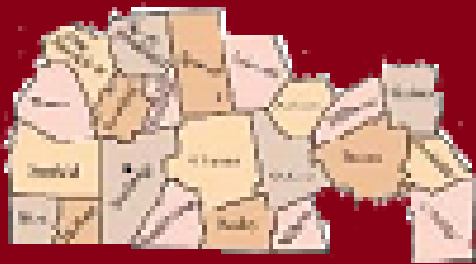
GROW CAREER DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrollment as of 9/30/2023 -Middle 20, High 38, Rise 2

Anthony Cacace, Principal

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR - Over the summer 18 students participated in the career developmental program. They designed and built picnic tables for Scoops of Home, an entity of The Center of Hope Foundation. Students also worked with the Dudley DPW to maintain local cemeteries and the Dudley Beach. Students were in charge of maintaining the grounds at both the Grow Middle/High and Grow Elementary buildings. Thanks to a grant from the Auburn Elks Club, the GCDP program started "going green" by purchasing new Ryobi, lithium battery operated lawn tools.

- ◆ ◆ FALL 2023 - School year has started off well. A paid internship program is now available to
- ◆ ◆ junior and senior students. Students continue their academic studies in the mornig and attend
- ◆ ◆ job sites in the afternoon.



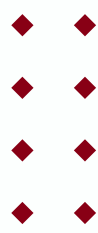
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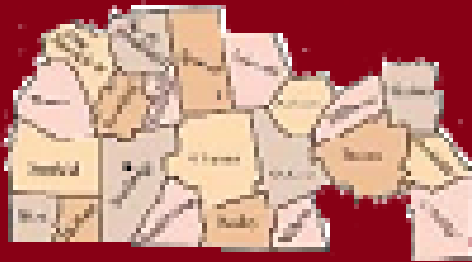
SWCEC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONTRACTED SERVICES

Professional Development

The goal of SWCEC Professional Development is to present a variety of opportunities to member and non-member districts that are of high quality, timely, engaging as well as informative. Some of the Collaborative focus areas include restraint training, surface behavior management, therapy programming in the school system, adapted physical education, special education law, and much more.

Member District (includes SWCEC)	Dates	Professional Development
SWCEC Educational Assistants & 1-1 Aides	8/9-8/11	Safety Care Training
New Professional SWCEC Staff	8/25	New Staff Orientation
Professional SWCEC Staff	8/29	Safety Care Training



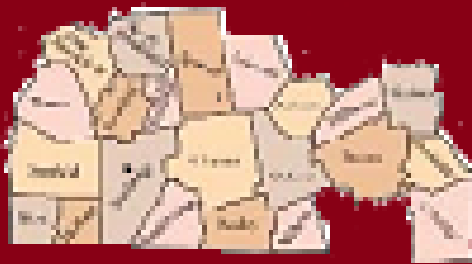


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Therapeutic and Contractual Services

SWCEC provides consultation, direct services, assessment and program evaluation services to member districts. These services support districts in building skills and programs that serve students in their home school.

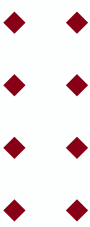
District Served	Therapeutic & Contracted Service Provided
Auburn Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility
Dudley Charlton Regional School District	Assistive Technology, Deaf Services, Vision Services
Grafton Public Schools	Deaf Services, Orientation & Mobility, Adaptive PE Consult
Leicester Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Assistive Technology, Vision Services
Millbury Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility
North Brookfield Public Schools	Speech & Language, Physical Therapy, Deaf Services
Northbridge Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services, Deaf Services
Oxford Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility
Quaboag Regional School District	Vision Services, Orientation & Mobility
Southbridge Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Transitional Services, Vision Services

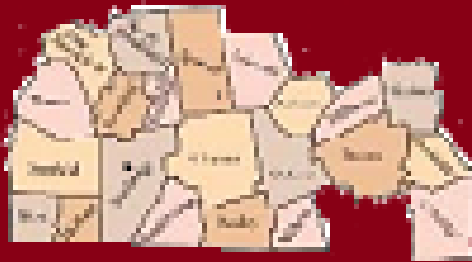


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Therapeutic and Contractual Services continued...

Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District	Adapted Physical Education, Assistive Technology, Vocational Consult, Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services
Sutton Public Schools	Vision Services, Assistive Technology
Tantasqua Regional School District	Deaf Services, Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services
Uxbridge Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services
Webster Public Schools	Adapted Physical Education, Assistive Technology, Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services, Deaf Services, AAC services
Palmer Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School	Orientation & Mobility, Vocational Services
Douglas Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Vision Services
Ware Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility
West Boylston Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility, Deaf Services

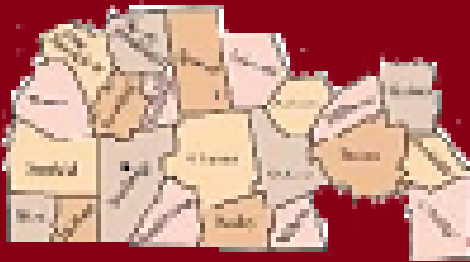




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Assessment and Evaluation Services

Member Districts Served	Evaluations / Assessments	Conducted
Auburn Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility Evaluation	1
North Brookfield Public Schools	Speech & Language Evaluation	1
Northbridge Public School	Functional Vision Assessment	1
Oxford Public Schools	Orientation & Mobility Evaluation	1
Quaboag Regional School District	Vocational Evaluation	1
Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District	Assistive Technology Evaluation	1
	Functional Vision Assessment	1
Mendon- Upton School District	Vocational Evaluation	1
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School	Orientation & Mobility Evaluation	1



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SWCEC Financial Update

July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

FY 2024 Adopted Budget by the Board	\$8,856,038
1st Quarter Anticipated Revenue at 25% of Budget	\$2,214,009
1st Quarter Earned Revenue	\$1,586,315
1st Quarter Anticipated Expenditures at 25% of Budget	\$2,214,009
1st Quarter Actual Expenditures	\$1,503,484
FY 2024 1st Quarter Income (Loss)	\$82,830
YTP Income (Loss)	\$82,830

