



Executive Director Sarah McGuire Board Report

February 2024

Cooperative-Wide Updates:

- As February marks Minnesota School Board Appreciation Month, I'd like to sincerely thank the School Board members for their outstanding service to Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative. We greatly appreciate your guidance and support with our school community that fosters education and growth for students of all ages across our four member districts. Thank you for your commitment to our mission and for helping us positively impact our students' lives.
- Staffing discussions have begun for the 2024-2025 school year and will be presented to the Board in April with the preliminary 2024-2025 budget. We have yet to fill six licensed teacher positions during the school year. Licensed teacher recruitment will focus on the 2024-2025 school year with preparations for international candidates.
- STEP projected enrollment numbers remain unchanged. We anticipate between 52 and 55 students at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year and an increased number for the following school year. Our current remodel and expansion plans are going through the final process before the state approval. Changes are for safety reasons and to ensure that STEP has enough physical space, including bathroom space, to be accessed independently.
- Graduation will be held on May 28th, 2024, at 10:00 AM for ALEX and 11:00 AM for STEP. It will be held at The Legacy Golf Course Pavillion in Faribault.