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Board Summary

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER



Graduation Spotlight

The CLIU extends its enthusiastic congratulations to Gene Bensing on his September graduation from our MDS B program at Catasauqua High School. Gene's teacher, Shannon Fisher, describes him as smart, kind, and funny, with a great sense of humor. After graduation, Gene will begin working through OVR, stocking supermarket shelves. Along with his family, we are proud of his accomplishments and wish him continued happiness and success in this exciting new chapter.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

Special Programs and Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Supervisor Katie Tully states, "At CLIU 21, we ensure every deaf and hard of hearing child has the language, access, and self-advocacy tools to unlock their fullest potential. We are filling the gaps, one direct lesson at a time."

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) Program consists of four classrooms, all located within the Parkland School District. At the elementary level, the program includes one self-contained classroom and one intervention/enrichment classroom. The program also offers dedicated middle school and high school classrooms.

In addition to classroom instruction, the program provides educational interpreting, audiology, and itinerant services. Through partnerships with our 14 member school districts, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program proudly serves 153 students, including 136 students through itinerant and audiology services and 17 students in classroom-based learning environments. Through ongoing collaboration and resources, the CLIU remains committed to supporting DHOH students and their families.



Human Resources Departmental Overview

Gretchen Boyer, Director of Human Resources, and George Husack, Assistant Director of Human Resources, presented an overview of the Human Resources Department, highlighting its many functions and contributions to the CLIU. The department supports the CLIU Board of Directors through HR policy reviews and new board member orientation and collaborates closely with the CLIU's 14 partner school districts. In addition, the department oversees recruitment and hiring, employee retention, and the development of internal pathways for professional growth. The team also manages employee relations, benefits administration, absences and leave tracking, annual compliance and certification requirements, and employee engagement initiatives. Their presentation showcased the extensive work performed behind the scenes each day and the department's vital role in supporting employees and ensuring the efficient operation of the organization.