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### **Spaulding Youth Center Celebrates End of School Year with Fun-Filled Field Day, Student and Staff Awards**

**Northfield, NH** – On Thursday, June 22, 81 students, 47 direct care staff and over 120 other campus staff enjoyed the Spaulding Field Day, the annual end of school year celebration. The day was filled with sunshine and smiles as students enjoyed the day's activities, including a giant inflatable climbing wall with a slide, tug-of-war competitions, water relays, a slip and slide, and more! Special guest, Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of the Department of Education, joined in on the fun, meeting with staff and students and swinging on the swings.



*(from L to R): Spaulding CEO & President Susan Ryan, NH Dept. of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut; Spaulding School Principal & Special Education Director Colleen Sliva*

Once again, MetroCast volunteers helped facilitate the activities and generously provided participation medals as well as ice cream sandwiches and popsicles for the kids. This year, the MetroCast Foundation also awarded Spaulding Youth Center with a \$2,000.00 donation.



The following day, students and staff gathered in the community center for the annual Awards Ceremony. Spaulding students were recognized for their academic efforts and accomplishments, receiving trophies for:

- Elementary Student of the Year
- Middle School Student of the Year
- High School Student of the Year
- Elementary Most Improved Student of the Year
- Middle School Most Improved Student of the Year



*(from L to R) MetroCast employees Howard Deuso, Wendy Mills, Stacie Paradis, and Lynn Browher, with Susan Ryan and Spaulding Teacher and Field Day Coordinator Brian Doyle*

- High School Most Improved Student of the Year

In addition, each classroom awarded a medal for a Student of the Year and a Most Improved Student of the Year. Finally, every student was recognized by their classroom teacher for their academic accomplishments and selected students were recognized by specialist teachers from Art, Physical Education, Experiential Challenges Outdoors (EChO) and Media.

Spaulding staff also received acknowledgements for their outstanding work. A few of this year's honorees included:

- Teacher of the Year: Rebecca Summey
- Related Service Provider of the Year: Rachel Gregoire
- Teaching Associate of the Year: Donnelle Combs
- Support Staff of the Year: Eileen Gaudette

Food services supported this day of celebration by serving lunch and dinner inside and outside so everyone could enjoy the great weather, sunshine and a cook-out-style experience.

These two days were a wonderful way to wrap up another year at Spaulding Youth Center!

## ABOUT SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center Foundation is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit [www.spauldingyouthcenter.org](http://www.spauldingyouthcenter.org).



*Teacher of the Year: Rebecca Summey*



*Related Service Provider of the Year:  
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