Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
Where Service Meets Heart
Helping Children Learn

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Board Summary

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER

American Education Week

November 16-20, 2026 marks American Education Week! During this special week, CLIU Cabinet members will visit CLIU programs across Carbon and Lehigh counties to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work taking place across our organization. With all 11 cabinet members participating, a total of 83 classrooms visits will take place throughout the week.
Board President George Williams took a moment to thank all staff members for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to make our mission, Helping Children Learn, a reality each day.



Early Intervention Services

Dr. Susan White and Rebecca DeFeo, Supervisors of Early Intervention, presented an overview of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Early Intervention Program, highlighting the services and supports provided to preschool-aged children and their families. The program serves eligible children ages 3 through kindergarten entry, providing individualized services based on each child's strengths and needs while fostering strong partnerships with families. During the 2025-2026 school year, the Early Intervention Program served 3,025 students across the region. The update also highlighted the program's specialized learning environments, including the Carbon County Early Learning Center (CCELC), Liberty Lane Early Learning Center (LLELC), and Whitehall-Coplay Early Learning Center (WCELC). Program leaders emphasized the importance of community partnerships and inclusive educational practices, noting that 83% of students receive services in community-based settings, supporting learning opportunities in the least restrictive environment. The Early Intervention team's commitment to supporting young children and their families helps lay the foundation for lifelong learning.





General Operating Budget

The Board of Directors approved the proposed 2027-2028 General Operating Budget (GOB) on November 16, 2026. Required by Pennsylvania statute to be approved by each member school district, the GOB is the only operating budget that includes district contributions based on a Pennsylvania Department of Education funding formula. The proposed budget supports the programs and services provided through the Curriculum & Instruction Department.