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What a show! Spotlight's recent production of Matilda Jr. has truly raised the bar. Led by Paulie Devlin, the production team was laser-focused on connecting with our young performers. They modeled authentic leadership and community throughout the process, creating an environment where every young person could grow, take risks, and shine.

*The show was spectacular, but the real magic happened behind the scenes. Our board members had the unique opportunity to support backstage...*offering a front-row seat to the cast and crew's remarkable camaraderie. From helping with fast costume changes, to a celebratory high-five after a great number, to the impromptu green room salon run by our teens to ensure everyone looked stage-ready—Spotlight brought the spirit of community to every detail. These kids took care of each other.

Another highlight was seeing our youth step outside their assigned roles. Jay Wright, who played Mr. Wormwood, also served as the show's costumer and shadowed the production team. The Scituate High School Technical Theatre Program students provided professional-grade backstage support, demonstrating not only their own skills but also the value of arts education and strong school-community partnerships. And our phenomenal stage manager, Lila Ferguson—an 8th grader!—proved that leadership has no age limit. She had a hand in nearly everything on stage.

This production of Matilda Jr. was more than a show—it was a celebration of youth voice, creativity, and the magic that happens when people believe in each other. We're deeply proud of everyone involved, and beyond grateful to the Spotlight team for helping our community experience the joy, talent, and heart of the next generation.