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MARS/MAVA Meeting
at
MASS Executive Institute
July 11, 2018
2:45 pm, Room B209

All members of Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) and Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) are encouraged to attend this joint session to review and discuss proposed legislation and the FY2018 State Budget as well as other topics. For the second half of the session, MARS and MAVA members will break away to discuss issues specific to their organizational structure. All vocational and regional superintendents and business administrators are welcome to participate in this forum.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. New Superintendents/Directors
2. MARS reorganization
3. Update on State Budget
 - a. Budget total
 - b. Regional transportation
 - c. Circuit Breaker
 - d. Chapter 70
 - e. Homeless transportation
 - f. Vocational transportation
4. MARS and MAVA Legislation update
5. MARS Professional Development Opportunities
 - a. Regional School District Operations – 3 part series in the fall
 - b. End-of-Year Report Training – June and September
 - c. E& D filings at DOR
6. Personnel changes at DESE regarding regional school issues – Ruth Hersh
7. Regional Legislative Caucus (Anne and Kim) how to work with them. List of members. How can we use them to our benefit.



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8. Handouts:
 - a. MARS Membership Directory 2017-2018 (send updates or corrections to Barbara)
 - b. MARS Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019
9. Adjourn to separate MARS and MAVA Meetings