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To: Board of Directors
From: Perry P. Davis, Executive Director
RE: September 7, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School at 9:30 AM in the School Committee Conference Room. Below is the agenda for the meeting and I will give you a detailed packet at the meeting.

- 1.0 Call to order – Maureen Marshall - Chair
 - 1.1 Perry Davis, Executive Director
 - 1.2 Introduce New Board Members
 - 1.3 Stephen Hemman, Assistant Executive Director
 - 1.4 Board member resignation - Vote
 - 1.4.1 Tari Thomas
 - 1.5 Board replacement - Vote
 - 1.5.1 Christine Johnson
- 2.0 Approval of Board Minutes
 - 2.1.1 May 10, 2016 - Vote
- 3.0 Funding of Regional School Districts – A Proposal
 - 3.1 Chip Elitzer, Berkshire Regional School District
 - 3.1.1 Alternative Assessment to member communities
 - 3.1.2 Discussion of the concept
 - 3.2 Foundation Budget Review Commission
 - 3.2.1 Recommendations – Current MARS Position
- 4.0 Small Rural School Districts and Regional School Districts – Michael Buoniconti
 - 4.1 Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition
 - 4.2 DRAFT – Crisis in Rural Massachusetts: A Proposal to Establish Rural School Aid
 - 4.3 Next Steps - Discussion
- 5.0 Review 2016-2017 MARS Goals
- 6.0 16-17 MARS Directory
 - 6.1 New Superintendents
- 7.0 MARS – Membership Dues
 - 7.1 Collected as of 8-31-16
 - 7.2 Focus on Regional Schools not paying their dues



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8.0 MARS – Financial Statement – 2016 – Perry Davis

9.0 MARS – FY 17 Budget – Perry Davis

10.0 MARS – 16-17 Calendar

10.1 Review dates and meeting topics

10.2 First General Meeting October 17, 2016 – Health Insurance Plans

10.2.1 MIIA

10.2.2 GIC

10.2.3 How to make changes to save health insurance costs?

10.3 MASC/MASS November Conference

10.3.1 MARS Meeting

10.3.2 MARS Workshop

10.3.3 Regional School Committee - Workshop

11.0 Review FY 17 State Budget

11.1 Regional School Transportation – 61 Million

11.2 Estimated reimbursement 70%

12.0 MARS – Discussion Proposed Legislation

12.1 Three bills filed from last session

12.2 Working with Paul Andrews and MASS

12.3 Working with Joe Giannino

13.0 New Superintendent and Business Administrator and School Committee Members
Professional Development – Steve Hemman

13.1 Participants numbers

13.2 Other Professional Development Topics

13.3 End of Year Report Training

14.0 MARS Consulting Group – Update – Steve Hemman

14.1 New Consultants: Vote Approval

14.1.1 John Barry, Ed.D

14.1.2 Michael Wakefield

14.1.3 John Salovardos, Ed.D

14.2 Current Projects:

14.2.1 Gateway Regional School District

14.2.2 Berkshire Hill Regional School District

14.2.3 Groton-Dunstable Regional School District

14.2.4 Wachusett Regional School District

15.0 Review membership on Standing Committees



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- 15.1 Legislation
 - 15.1.1 Perry Davis and Steve Hemman
 - 15.1.2 Need MARS Board Members (3)
 - 15.2 Budget
 - 15.2.1 Perry Davis
 - 15.2.2 Need MARS Board Members (3)
 - 15.3 Professional Development
 - 15.4 Steve Hemman
 - 15.5 Need MARS Board Members (3)
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- 16.0 Next meeting – General Meeting October 11, 2016 Assabet Valley Regional
 - 16.1 Board will meet after the General Meeting
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- 17.0 Other Items:
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- 18.0 Adjournment