



## MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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### **MARS General Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Pathfinder Vo/Tech HS Restaurant**

**240 Sykes Street**

**Palmer, MA 01069**

**9:30 AM to Noon**

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Gerry Paist – Superintendent Pathfinder Vo/Tech
  - b. Maureen Marshall – MARS President
  - c. Barbara Ripa – MARS Executive Director
  - d. Steve Hemman – MARS Assistant Director
2. Status of State Budget
3. Legislative Update
4. Upcoming MARS Trainings
  - a. End-of-Year Training
  - b. E&D Training
5. Challenges Facing Small Rural Regional and Local School Districts and Proposed Solutions
  - a. William Cameron, Chair of Berkshire County Educational Task Force
  - b. Michael Buoniconti, Chair of Small Schools Coalition
6. Regional Transportation Advocacy – Michael Morris, Superintendent of Amherst Pelham RSD
7. Adjourn