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MARS Meeting
at the
MASC/MASS Annual Conference
November 7, 2018
10:00 am, Bass River Room

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Overview of the meeting
3. MARS Professional Development/Training
 - a. Regional School District Operations for new Superintendents, School Committee Members and Business Administrators
 - b. End-of-Year Report Training
 - c. Preparing documents for DOR – E & D
 - d. GASB
4. MARS Consulting Group provides services in the following areas:
 - a. Updating Regional Agreements
 - b. Strategic Planning
 - c. Assessing district members town financial health
 - d. Determining which assessment methodology is best to use: Statutory or Alternative
 - e. Providing presentations to member districts
5. Does my Regional Agreement need updating? Consider:
 - a. Does it pre-date Ed Reform (1993)?
 - b. Does it contain all the required elements?
 - c. What assessment does it give?
 - d. What optional information is included
 - e. Is it consistent with current laws and DESE regulations?



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6. How do I know if my budget is in trouble and how did I get there?

- a. Central Office turnover
- b. Faulty budgeting
- c. Faulty budget reports
- d. Incomplete budget reporting

7. Adjournment