



## MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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To: MARS – Members  
From: Barbara Ripa, Ed.D., Executive Director  
Date: March 1, 2019  
RE: MARS Legislative Breakfast

The Annual Nashoba Valley Tech and MARS Legislative Breakfast will be held on **Friday, March 1, 2019 at Nashoba Valley Tech from 8:30 am to 11:00 in the Viking Forum**

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Denise Pigeon-Superintendent/Director Nashoba Valley Tech
  - b. Michael Fitzpatrick, MARS President
  - c. Legislators – Senators and Representatives and their staff members
  - d. MARS Members
2. Buffet Breakfast
3. Legislator Presentations
  - a. Information on FY 20 Budget
    - i. State Revenues
    - ii. Education Funding
  - b. Outlook FY 19 to FY 20
    - i. Funding Changes
  - c. Questions for legislators
4. Regional Schools pending Legislation
5. MARS top four priorities regarding the State Budget FY20
  - a. Regional Transportation reimbursement at consistent 85%
  - b. Minimum aid per pupil increased to \$50 per student
  - c. Fully funding Circuit Breaker at 75%
  - d. Changing local/state aid formula from 59/41 to 58/42
6. Adjourn



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