# Preparing a Regional District to Borrow for Capital Projects

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#### Authority of a Regional School District

- Regional School Districts are legal entities
- Regionals can borrow money for capital projects
- Borrowing results in paying interest
- A goal of a region should be to pay the least amount of interest when borrowing

## Agenda

- Preparing a School District to Borrow Funds for Capital Projects"
- Welcome and introductions
- Why this panel?
- Introduce panel members
- Panel presentation and discussion of borrowing from the perspective of:
  - The School Committee
  - The district financial advisor
  - The bond rating company
  - The district Superintendent
- Wrap-up and adjournment

### Borrowing-Who is Involved

- School Committee, treasurer, business office
- Financial Advisor--Bank
- Rating Agencies
- Bond Counsel

#### Members of the Panel

- Margaret Hughes—School Committee member Narragansett Regional School District
- Lori Lombard--- Vice President Municipal Finance Eastern Bank
- Nicholas Lehman—Assistant Vice President Analyst Public Finance Group Moody Investors Service
- Dr. Stephen Hemman, former Superintendent of Narragansett Regional School District and Assistant Executive Director of MARS