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MARS Meeting at MASS Executive Institute July 19, 2017

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Proposed MARS Legislation
3. Municipal Modernization Act and use of:
 - a. E and D
 - b. OPEB
4. Signing of warrants – new legislation
5. New SPED Revolving Fund – how it can be used
6. Declining student enrollment and the impact on regional schools
7. MARS Consultants
 - a. Regional Agreement updates
 - b. Long Term Planning
 - c. Forming/Expanding a Regional School District
 - d. Financial Analysis
8. Recent studies:
 - a. Berkshire Task Force
 - b. Rural schools
 - c. North Adams collaborative efforts
 - d. Southern Berkshire Shared Services Project (SBSSP)
9. Suggested topics for MARS General Meetings 2017-2018
 - a. Communicating using social media
 - b. Setting up, managing and reporting on revolving accounts and special funds accounts, such as:
 - Student Activity fund
 - Athletic funds
 - Cafeteria funds
 - OPEB
 - E & D
 - Regional Transportation



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- New transportation fund
- New SPED revolving account
- Stabilization
- School Choice
- Circuit Breaker

c. Teacher Evaluation update

d. Other topics

10. MARS Meeting Schedule for FY2017-2018

11. MARS Directory 2017-2018 – send any corrections/updates to Barbara

12. Adjourn