



## MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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To: MARS – Members  
From: Barbara Ripa, Ed.D. Executive Director  
Date: February 23, 2018  
RE: MARS Legislative Breakfast

There will be a MARS Legislative Breakfast to be held on **Friday, March 9, 2018 at Nashoba Valley Tech from 8:30 am to 11:00 in the Elegant Chef Restaurant**

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Denise Pigeon-Superintendent/Director Nashoba Valley Tech
  - b. Barbara Ripa – Executive Director
  - c. Legislators – Senators and Representatives
  - d. MARS Members
2. Breakfast
3. Legislator Presentations
  - a. Information on FY 19 Budget
    - i. State Revenues
    - ii. Education Funding
  - b. Outlook FY 18 to FY 19
    - i. Funding Changes
  - c. Questions for legislators
4. MARS – Our Organization
5. Regional Schools pending Legislation
6. Proposed Legislation
  - a. MAVA
  - b. MASS
  - c. MASC
7. FY 19 State Budget
  - a. House 1 - Governor's Proposed Budget
  - b. Chapter 70 Aid
  - c. Regional Transportation Reimbursement
  - d. Homeless transportation
  - e. Out of District Vocational transportation
8. Regional School Transportation funding initiatives
  - a. "I Am Wachusett" representatives and Support our Children and Schools (SOCS) of Ashburnham Westminster School District - Regional Transportation initiative and regional outreach