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MARS/MAVA Meeting at **MASS Executive Institute** **July 19, 2017 at 2:45pm in the Library**

All members of Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) and Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) are encouraged to attend this joint session to review and discuss proposed legislation and the FY2018 State Budget as well as other topics. For the second half of the session, MARS and MAVA members will break away to discuss issues specific to their organizational structure. All vocational and regional superintendents and business administrators are welcome to participate in this forum.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. New Superintendents/Directors
2. MARS reorganization
3. Update on State Budget
 - a. Budget total
 - b. Regional transportation
 - c. Circuit Breaker
 - d. Chapter 70
 - e. Homeless transportation
 - f. Vocational transportation
4. MARS and MAVA Legislation update
5. MARS Professional Development Opportunities
 - a. Regional School District Operations – 3 part series in the fall
 - b. End-of-Year Report Training – June and September
 - c. Chart of Accounts – scheduled as needed
6. Changes at DESE regarding regional school issues – Chris Lynch part time
7. Need for advocacy from MARS Membership. Legislator contact info provided.



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8. Handouts:
 - a. MARS Membership Directory 2017-2018 (send updates or corrections to Barbara)
 - b. MARS Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018
9. Adjourn to separate MARS and MAVA Meetings