



## MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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### Consulting Services – Member Town Financial Assessment

Complete Financial Picture of Member Towns, to include:

- tax rate
- free cash
- stabilization funds
- unemployment rate
- override capacity
- excess capacity
- EQV
- income
- combined effort yield
- municipal budget trends by departments
- education as a percentage of town budgets

School District details, to include:

- MLC trends
- MLC as a percentage of Member Town's total new revenue
- MLC % increases
- target share trends

Trend data will include at least the last 5 years, and longer if data is publically available.

Total cost - \$950/town

Why is this important?

Superintendents/School Committees need to fully understand the financial status of your member towns to work with them to pass the school budget, consider overrides, and recognize the capacity to support future capital needs. Without a comprehensive understanding of their financial constraints, your financial planning for the school district is not complete.

Sample reports are available upon request.

Note: Other customized research projects are available as well, and MARS consultants are available to present reports at a meeting, for an additional fee.

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