



**SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

1. Discussion began at 9:05 a.m. The following were present:

Superintendents: Mr. Gordon Smith, East Longmeadow
Mr. Albert Ganem, Jr., Hampden-Wilbraham Regional
Mr. Martin O'Shea, Longmeadow
Mr. Todd Gazda, Ludlow
Ms. Jennifer Willard, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional
Mr. Michael Richard, West Springfield

Collaborative: Mr. Andrew M. Churchill, Executive Director
Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance and Operations
2. Notes from the January 10 meeting were enclosed for review.
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 - A. The group discussed their upcoming appearance on Mass Appeal on March 7th and the topics they will discuss.
 - B. Mr. Churchill reviewed recent changes to legislation governing collaboratives. DESE is creating a more regional approach in promoting collaboratives which should increase regional communication.
 - C. Ms. Bishop reviewed the draft FY20 budget along with the effect that the transportation union contract will have. Mr. Churchill noted that in an effort to boost declining enrollments, the Special Education Department is clarifying program goals and descriptions.
 - D. Ms. Bishop reviewed the five-year capital plan which includes roof repairs, parking lot maintenance, and purchase of buses. Mr. O'Shea would like to see a yearly comparison of this plan as well one for fund balance added to the budget presentation.
 - E. Mr. Churchill noted that DESE is looking for a service provider to take over the role in this region for their recovery high school program in Springfield. This could be a potential offering if the Collaborative would be interested in submitting a proposal. Mr. Churchill has visited another similar program but remains cautious. We will discuss a possible partnership approach with CES in Northampton.
 - F. Mr. Churchill reported that Career TEC will be submitting another proposal to Mass Skills Capital Grant in the amount of \$500,000. The majority of the funds will be used for equipment in the Landscaping Program with a few upgrades in Machine Technology as well.

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- G. Mr. Churchill noted that the new union contract is in force and stewards will be chosen for each garage location sometime this week. He looks forward to the consistency that this agreement will bring across the Transportation Department.
- 4. A. The group decided to cancel the regularly-scheduled March 14th meeting and meet again on April 11th.

Discussion concluded at 10:20 a.m.