



**SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2019**

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

Superintendents: Mr. Stephen Lemanski, Agawam  
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

Collaborative: Mr. Andrew M. Churchill, Executive Director  
Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance and Operations

6. Mr. Churchill had included a communication from a parent regarding one of our bus drivers. He is happy to have positive feedback from the community.
7. Mr. Churchill included information from DESE for anyone interested in becoming a regional lead arts ambassador as they are transitioning to a new arts curriculum framework.
8. Mr. Churchill noted that CES in Northampton will be offering a new school committee member training for this part of the state on Saturday, September 7.
2. Ms. Laurie Oyer, Director of Municipal Reimbursement, reviewed recent changes in the federal Medicaid program that were also recently discussed with member district special education directors.

Ms. Willard joined the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Ms. Oyer left the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

The group discussed their policies on vaping and the majority are using a diversion program.

3. Mr. Churchill reviewed the planned changes to the LPVEC Special Education Department. The department is working with member district special education directors to support our programs with a clearer focus to improve understanding and communication.

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Mr. Ganem left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

4. The group discussed working together to develop training programs for school resource officers and getting support from the district attorney's office and their Chiefs of Police. They also would like to see SFOs attend town events to promote public relations.
5. Mr. Churchill noted that the LPVEC FY20 Preliminary Budget has been modified in a few areas since the last presentation without any bottom-line effect. Special Education has been modified to reflect reductions in staff, Medicaid will add an FTE to accommodate program expansion, and CTEC will be contracting a student engagement coach. Ms. Bishop noted that member district business managers have been updated on these changes.

Mr. Churchill will meet with superintendents and business managers over the summer to discuss joint areas of interest or concern.

The group discussed the possibility of conducting professional development trainings for staff involved in filing 51A reports as well as the cost involved in administering college board AP exams.

Discussion concluded at 10:30 a.m.