



**SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

1. Discussion began at 9:04 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  
Mr. Michael Richard, West Springfield

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

3. The group discussed the various first days of school planned for school year 2021.
2. Ms. Oyler discussed the districts' need to comply with recent Medicaid program changes. At the group's request, she will prepare a simple fact sheet that they can disseminate to their staff on how to comply with the new regulations. Ms. Oyler left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.
4. Mr. Richard reported that the Good Morning America program will be visiting West Springfield to honor a teacher who has been very successful in obtaining classroom supplies through the "Donors Choose" funding program.
5. Mr. Churchill discussed the recent fiscal review by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The auditor who reviewed our compliance with state regulations found the LPVEC in compliance other than determining that our treasurer should be bonded independently of the Collaborative.
6. The group discussed upcoming budget planning for FY21 and Mr. O'Shea noted that he would like to see a narrative accompany the budget to tell a story than can help explain the budget to school committees including assumptions, strengths, weaknesses, and goals. In addition, he would like to see the Capital Improvement Plan and E & D included in the presentation of the budget.

The group further discussed Unit A contract negotiations, independent contracts, regional approach to high school start time, and EEE risk factors as they affect after-school activities.

Discussion concluded at 10:15 a.m.

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