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MARS Meeting All Regional School Districts at MASS Institute July 2015

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 FY2016 State Budget.. Following this joint session, MARS and MAVA members will break away to discuss issues specific to their organizational structure.

Facilitators: Stephen Hemman, MARS Executive Director and David Ferreira, MAVA Executive Director

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. New Superintendents
 - b. MARS Executive Director-Interim
 2. Status of Proposed Laws by MARS for FY2015-2016
 - a. 9c cuts
 3. Foundations Budget Commission Update
 4. FY2016 State Budget
 - a. Chapter 70
 - b. Regional Transportation
 - c. Circuit Breaker
 - d. Homeless Transportation
 - e. Vocational Transportation
 - f. Regional bonus aid
 - g. Charter Reimbursement
 - h. Foundation Reserve
 5. **Topics**
 - a. **Mandates**
 - b. **Updating regional agreement**
 - c. **Regional Reimbursement Transportation Fund**
 6. What are districts doing for healthy schools?
 7. MARS meeting dates 2015-2016
- Attachments: Municipal Mandates: A guide to the Mandate Provisions of Prop 2 ½
Updating Regional Agreements
Regional Reimbursement Transportation Fund



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1. MARS Consulting Group
 - a. Strategic Planning
 - b. Regionalization
 - c. Updating Regional Agreements
2. MARS Goals 2015-2016
3. MARS Strategic Planning
4. Professional Development 2015-2016
5. Using E and D
6. Stabilization Funds
7. Preparing the Regional Budget
8. Assessment methodologies
9. Establishing OPEB
10. Comments and questions