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Southern Berkshire Regional School District  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,562 - AMENDED**

**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Monterey Town Hall, 435 Main Rd, Monterey, MA 01245

**Agenda**

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

*[The listing of mailers is those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.]*

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Standing Reports**
  - a. Approval of School Committee Minutes #1561 of March 21, 2019
  - b. Enrollment
  - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
- 3. Student Representative Report**
- 4. Student Spotlight**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Approval of Senior Class Trip to Lake George May 28, 2019
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. Business with District Member Towns**
  - a. Rural Aid Funding/Advocacy
  - b. Proposed 5 Town Informational Meeting
- 9. Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Policy Subcommittee -D. Sears
    - First Reading
    - BEDH - Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
    - BEDH-E Guidelines for Public Comment
    - Second Reading
    - JEB - Early Childhood Entering Ages
    - IE - Organization of Instruction
  - b. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee - D. Travis
  - c. Community Outreach and Input - B. Silvers
- 10. Chairman's Report**

11. **Superintendent's Report**
12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**
13. **Director of Student Services Report**
14. **Business Manager's Report**
  - a. Approval of Warrants: March 22, 2019
  - b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
  - c. Budget Transfers
15. **Future Agenda Items**
  - a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY20 and Beyond-April 25, 2019 Meeting
  - b. Report of College Submissions - April 25, 2019 Meeting
16. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings:

April 25, 2019-Alford                      May 9, 2019 (Sheffield)                      June 13, 2019-Egremont                      June 27, 2019

Upcoming Events:

April 30, 2019		Red Cross Blood Drive - Mt. Everett Gym
May 3, 2019		Senior Prom
May 4, 2019	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	Monterey Annual Town Meeting- Monterey
May 6, 2019	7:00- 8:00 p.m.	New Marlborough Annual Town Meeting - UME Cafe
May 6, 2019	7:00- 9:00 p.m.	Sheffield Annual Town Meeting - TACPAC
May 7, 2019	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Egremont Annual Town Meeting- TACPAC
May 14, 2019	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Alford Annual Town Meeting - Alford
May 16, 2019	7:00- 9:00 p.m.	Grades 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert TACPAC
May 30, 2019	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Gr 7-12 Music Banquet
June 1, 2019		Graduation - Tanglewood
June 6, 2019	6:00- 7:30 p.m.	Gr 3-6 Chorus/Band - TACPAC

The SBRSD shall post all School Committee and Subcommittee meetings on its website (<http://11-11w.sbrsd.org/school-committee.html>) in compliance with Open Meeting Law and pursuant to the regulations of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office 940 CMR 29.03(4). Please visit the SBRSD's website for all meeting information. All approved meeting minutes of the SBRSD school committee are posted on the district's website on the school committee page.

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*All* regular and special meetings of the School Committee shall be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The School Committee desires citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of our local public schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the District's business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee. The Chairperson shall determine the length of the public participation segment.
2. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material. The presiding Chairperson may permit extension of this time limit.
3. Topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for that evening.
4. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chairperson may terminate that individual's privilege of address.
5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chairperson of the meeting.
6. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of the school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session the Committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any member of the school community. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff members.
7. Written comments longer than three (3) minutes may be presented to the Committee before or after the meeting for the Committee members' review and consideration at an appropriate time.

## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A School Committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 23C governs public participation at open meetings of municipal government bodies.

*Chapter 39: Section 23C, Regulation of participation by public in open meetings*

*Section 23C. No person shall address a public meeting of a governmental body without permission of the presiding officer at such meeting, and all persons shall, at the request of such presiding officer, be silent. If, after warning from the presiding officer, a person persists in disorderly behavior, said officer may order him to withdraw from the meeting, and, if he does not withdraw, may order a constable or any other person to remove him and confine him in some convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.*

The School Committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda for a particular meeting. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. Such request should contain background statements which would explain the scope and intent of the agenda item. The Chair of the Committee works with the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.
3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.
4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Ken Knox, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno

Absent: Marcella Bush, David Travis - arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Jesse Carpenter, Sandi Hubbard, Charles Miller, A. Lyn

Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley- Berkshire Record

Others: Rene Wood, M. Dodds, J. Lemlin, S. Siket, J. Bickford, W. Casey, V. Aldam

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1561 to order at 6:07 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the family that perished in the fire.  
Mr. Knox called for the roll call.
2. **Standing Reports**
  - a. Motion to approve Open Public Hearing Minutes of March 7, 2019  
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund  
Second: Bonnie Silvers  
Vote: Unanimous  
  
Motion to approve the minutes of school committee meeting #1560 as presented.  
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund  
Second: Bonnie Silvers  
Vote: Unanimous
  - b. Miscellaneous Correspondence - Letter from Senator Hinds  
Mr. Knox explained that the letter was a response to the letter sent by the district in January to Senator Hinds regarding the Rural School Aid and concerns with the district's ineligibility to receive Rural School Aid for the FY 19 state budget cycle. The letter referenced Senator Hinds bill *SD. 2292, An Act ensuring fair funding for rural schools*, which establishes a modified and expanded version of Rural School Aid in statute and establishes rurality within Chapter 70. The bill intends to capture rural schools that did not receive FYI 9 Rural School Aid and will ensure that all of our rural schools are equitably funded by Chapter 70.
3. **Student Representative Report-** None
4. **Student Spotlight** - None
5. **Public Comment**  
Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board Member and private citizen of Sheffield  
Thanked the school committee and administration for the new assessment formula that will be put on the Town Warrants.  
Jeanne Lemlin - Mt. Everett, Chair of the English Dept and English Teacher and Sarah Siket - Mt. Everett Math Teacher and resident of Sheffield both spoke about the budget and funding for additional staff.

6. **New Business**

a. Adoption of FY'20 Operating, Transportation, and Capital Budgets

Motion to approve the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as follows.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Art Batacchi

It was noted that the complete budget needed to be read out aloud.

Motion to approve the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as follows:

***FY20 Budget***

• <i>Operating Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$14,996,831</i>
• <i>Transportation Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 1,590,491</i>
• <i>Capital Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 358,461</i>
• <i>Capital Project Bond Repayment</i>	<i>\$ 375,950</i>
<b><i>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET</i></b>	<b><i>\$17,321,733</i></b>

***FY20 Assessments***

• <i>Operating Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 12,340,720</i>
• <i>Transportation Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 903,668</i>
• <i>Capital Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 358,461</i>
• <i>Capital Project Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 375,950</i>
<b><i>TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,978,799</i></b>

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Dennis Sears

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Mr. Sears then withdrew his motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi- Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund- Yes, Jane Burke- Yes, David Travis- Yes,  
Ken Knox - Yes, Dennis Sears - Yes, Maryellen Brown - Yes, Bonnie Silvers - Yes,  
Jon Bruno - Yes

7. **Unfinished Business** - None

8. **Business with District Member Towns** - None

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Policy Subcommittee-D. Sears

First Reading of

Policy IE - Organization of Instruction

Policy JEB - Entrance Age

b. Community Outreach & Input Subcommittee - B. Silvers

Ms. Silvers reported that the subcommittee had met on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee had discussed generating a flyer that would explain the budget and the assessment motion. This flyer will be distributed to the community prior to town meetings.

10. **Chairman's Report** - None

11. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto reported on the following

- Community - proud of how the school community has come together in the face of the recent tragedy
- Staffing News - Glenn Devoti, Mt. Everett Principal announced his intent to resign at the end of this school year.
- The Business Administrator position was posted and the screening process will begin shortly
- Mr. Chris Clark, Choral Teacher, was nominated for the "40 Under 40 Award" happening on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Bonnie Silvers mentioned Chris Thompson and the Underwater Robotics program.

12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Dufresne reported out on the recent RTI professional development with Chris Weber held at the district last Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Feedback was very positive.

13. **Director of Student Services Report**

Sandi Hubbard mentioned that there was no change from the last report and thanked the school committee for their support during this past week.

14. **Business Manager's Report**

a. Approval of Warrants: March 8, 2019

Motion to approve the warrant of March 8, 2019 as presented.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

b. Warrant Process

Chris Regan explained that going forward only one member will be required to sign the warrants based on the following: Section 16A of Chapter 71 - "The regional school committee may designate any 1 of its members for the purpose of signing payroll warrants and accounts payable warrants to allow for the release of checks provided, however, that the member shall make available to the board, at its next meeting, a record of such actions. This provision shall not limit the responsibility of each member of the board in the event of a noncompliance with this section."

Motion to dissolve the Warrant Subcommittee.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Seconded: Jeffrey Blaugrund

No discussion

Vote: Unanimous

There was discussion on who would be designated to sign the warrants.

Motion that everyone on the school committee takes a month.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

No second

Jeffrey Blaugrund then withdrew the motion

Motion - to appoint the chair of the finance subcommittee to sign the warrants and everyone else is an alternate.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion followed

The motion was then amended by Dennis Sears to read:

The Chair of the Finance Committee and any other member of the school committee is an alternate to sign the warrants.

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

c. **Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts**

Motion to accept the Gift of \$3,033 from the NMC Monterey PTA for instructional and general supplies for the NMC classrooms.

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to accept the non-monetary grants from the USDA DoD Food Fresh of fresh produce valued at \$4,090.

By: David Travis

Second: Dennis Sears

Vote: Unanimous

d. **Budget Transfers - None**

15. **Future Agenda Items**

a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY20 and Beyond - April 25, 2019 Meeting

b. Report of College Submissions - April 25, 2019 Meeting

16. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

*Documents presented at this meeting:*

- *Agenda SCM 1561*
- *Minutes of SCM #1560 and Minutes of Open Public Hearing*
- *Misc. Correspondence*
- *Policy JEB and IE*
- *Warrant of February 22, 2018*
- *Grants and Gifts*



**ENROLLMENT 2017-2018**

<b>A s o f</b>	8/1/2018	9/1/2018		10/1/2018		11/1/2018		12/1/2018		1/2/2019		2/1/2019		3/1/2019		4/1/2019		5/1/2019	#####
<b>Undermountain</b>																			
Pre-K	14	14		13	-I	15	+2	15		15		15		17	2	17			
Early K	17	16	-I	16		16		16		16		17	+1	17		17			
Kindergarten	30	31	1	31		31		31		31		31		31		31			
Gradel	29	29		30	I	30		32	2	32		32		32		30	-2		
Grade 2	36	35	-I	34	-I	34		34		34		35	+I	35		37	2		
Grade 3	43	42	-I	42		42		42		42		42		41	-I	42	I		
Grade 4	33	33		32	-I	32		32		32		33	+1	33		33			
Grade 5	43	41	-2	41		41		41		42	I	42		42		42			
Grade 6	58	55	-3	55		54		54		55	1	54	-I	53	-I	52	-I		
<b>Total UME</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>301</b>		<b>301</b>			
<b>New Marlborough</b>																			
PreK	7	7		8	I	8		8		8		8		8		8			
Early K	4	3	-I	3		3		3		3		3		3		3			
Kindergarten	11	12	I	12		12		12		12		13	+I	13		13			
Grade 1	8	8		9		9		8	-I	8		8		8		7	-1		
Grade 2	19	19		19		19		18	-I	18		18		18		17	-I		
Grade 3	11	11		11		11		12	1	12		12		12		12			
Grade 4	18	16	-2	16		16		16		16		16		16		16			
<b>TotalNMC</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>78</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>-2</b>		
<b>S. Egremont</b>																			
Early K	6	10	4	10		10		10		10		10		10		10			
Kindergarten	4	3	-I	3		3		4		4		4		4		4			
<b>Total S.Egremont</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>14</b>			
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>385</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>393</b>		<b>391</b>	<b>-2</b>		
<b>Mt Everett</b>																			
Grade 7	43	45	2	45		45		45		43	-2	43		43		42	-I		
Grade 8	65	63	-2	63		63		61	-2	60	-1	59	-I	59		59			
Grade 9	52	52		52		52		52		52		52		52		52			
Grade 10	51	51		51		51		50	-I	50		50		50		50			
Grade 11	56	58	2	57	-1	57		57		56	-1	56		55	-I	55			
Grade 12	44	44		44		42	-2	42		42		42		42		42			
<b>Total MSHS</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>312</b>		<b>310</b>		<b>307</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>-I</b>	<b>301</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>-1</b>		
<b>Total all Schools</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>-I</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>-3</b>		

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TOWN OF EGREMONT  
Council on Aging  
P.O. Box 368  
South Egremont, MA 01258-0368

413 528-0182 x24 Outreach/Administrative Assistant  
coa@egremont-ma.gov

March 20, 2019

Dear Superintendent Regulbuto,

The Egremont Council on Aging recently had the pleasure of having the Mt. Everett Culinary Program cater our monthly luncheon at the Egremont Village Inn.

We just wanted you to know what a pleasant and positive experience this was for us and our luncheon attendees. The food was delicious, presentation was great, and the students were engaged, professional, and extremely cordial. They, and the Director of the program, Sue Petrucci, are all to be commended for an excellent job. We just wish they could have stayed longer so we had more time to engage them in conversation.

This was our first experience with this program and we look forward to repeating it again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Peg M +

Egremont Council on Aging Administrative Assistant/Outreach

for SC packet  
4/4/19  
[Signature]

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**Gagnon, Lynette**

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**From:** Lucinda Shmulsky <shmulsky@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** Gagnon, Lynette  
**Subject:** Solar Project near New Marlborough Central School

To: Lynette Gagnon, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
From: Cindy Shmulsky

Hi Lynette,  
Just a quick trip down memory lane, from your former Art teacher at FRRSD.....  
I hope all is well and you are enjoying your new position.

I grew up in New Marlborough and I used to attend the elementary school there,  
in fact my father, C. Russell Doane, was one of the original founders of the SBRSD in 1953 !

I attended a hearing on February 25th in regard to the CPV Mill River Solar LLC for the  
Special Permit Application at 100 at Hartsville Mill River Road.

A quick question in regard to the solar project proposed near the school.....  
The selectman, Nat Yohalem, specifically wanted the CPV Solar to contact the School  
Administration in regard to the project, as a courtesy to seek their input. You can see  
this in the attachment #13 of the minutes below.

[http://newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA\\_BoSMin/2019/bos%20min%203.4.19.pdf](http://newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA_BoSMin/2019/bos%20min%203.4.19.pdf)

It is my understanding CPV Solar will be applying for Smart Grid Investment Funds to implement  
their strategy. If that is the case I have attached a link below that the Superintendent may wish to review,  
as a simple precaution to ask further questions in regard to the close proximity to the school.

<https://mdsafetech.org/smart-meters/>

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/S1864>

All the Best'  
Cindy Shmulsky



# Southern Berkshire Regional School District

## OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

Teacher in Charge: Sarah & James Siket Principal: Glenn Devoti

Trip Location: Lake George Grade Level of Students: Seniors

Departure Date: May 28th Departure Time: ~5:30am

Return Date: May 29th Return Time: ~6:30pm

Purpose of Trip:

- Approach to a unit of work
- Enrichment experience related to curriculum framework
- Culminating activity to a unit
- Research for unit
- Enhancement of student learning in fine arts, world language
- Athletic event

Objectives of Trip: To build school spirit and give our students one last bonding experience with their classmates before graduation. This is the culmination of their 12 years together and these adventures are what memories are made of!

(Provide specific description of objectives and details.)

How will student learning be assessed? See attached sheet

Description of Itinerary: Please see attached sheet

Overnight accommodations:

Facility: Country Inn and Suites by Radison Phone# 518.745.0180

Address: 1130 State Route 9 Queensbury NY, 12845

(OVER)

**SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM**

Transportation: Mount Everett marshmallow busses & vans

Meal Plan: Please see itinerary

Funding Source Senior class fund raising and student payment.

Overnight trips are asked to provide 1 chaperone for every 6 students.

Names & phone #'s of chaperones:

James Siket

CORI

X

Sarah Siket

X

Victoria Aldam

X

Joe McSpiritt

X

Additional SPED staff as needed

X

(Attach additional sheet of paper, if necessary)

Emergency Contact (SBRSD Administrator): Glenn Devoti

(Parents' names and phone numbers are to be provided to the emergency contact to be used in case of an emergency.)

Number of students attending: 25/24

Names of student participants (listing to be attached to this slip)

Principal's Approval:

Glenn Devoti

Date:

3/29/19

Superintendent's approval:

Bill Regaluto

Date:

4/1/19

Nurse's Approval:

Jeanne Moran RN, BSN

Date: 3/28/19

School Committee approval date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOUNT EVERETT**  
**OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP**

Date of Field Trip May 28th & 29th Destination Lake George Area

Address/Phone # Hotel: Country Inn and Suites by Radison 1130 State Route 9 Queensbury NY, 12845

Sponsor of Field Trip See Itinerary for additional informational

Department/Class/Group 2019 Seniors

Method of transportation Marshmallow bus and/or school van Cost of trip -\$125

Time of departure 5:30am May 28th - Tuesday Time of return 29th 6:30pm

Upon arrival students may be picked up at Mount Everett community entrance

Overnight field trips require a phone tree. If trip is to arrive much before or after estimated time, WSBS will be contacted to announce the new arrival time and phone tree will be activated

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the 2019 Senior Class Trip field trip on 5/28 & 5/29.

I am aware of the details listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Return this slip to Mr. or Mrs. Siket, senior class advisors By 5/1/19

Does your son/daughter have an allergy/medical condition that we should be aware of? **Please explain** \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child need medication with him/her for this condition? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please contact Mrs. Moran, RN, at 229-8734 ext 111. A written medication order must be obtained from physician along with written permission from a parent for ANY MEDICATION to be given.

**Overnight field trips: A copy of student's insurance card must be accompany this permission slip.**

## FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

- X Principal approval (6 weeks in advance)
- o Superintendent approval (6 weeks in advance)
- o School Committee approval (4 weeks in advance)
- X Parents' permission slips (including date, time, place, transportation, dress info)
- X Approved date from master calendar coordinator
- X Submit bus request to Business Office for all but charter buses (charter buses can be arranged by the teacher)
- NA Order bag lunches in advance (3 weeks notice)
- Collect permission slips *b E//*
- X Create participant list for attendance purposes
- Copy list and leave permission slips in main office *!Je fore. f-np*
- X Secure chaperones (1 chaperone to 6 students)
- X Provide chaperones

## Senior Class Trip Students

Charlie Grace

Mrs. Siket

Nick Vandebogart

Mr. Siket

Josh Long

Ms. Aldam

Matt Kane

Mr. McSpiritt

Nikos Casivant

Jeremy Chatham

Nick Legeyt

David Packard

Brian Dillon

Andrea Ferrara

Bethany Rhoades

Eliza Oats

Jackilyn Wells

Connor Blodgett

Anna DuPont

Gwendolyn Carpenter

Jaclyn Derwitsch

Madison Ullrich

Vanessa Wald

Patrick Silk

Anthony Lupiani

Quinn Pollock - waiting for approval

Paola Trujillo

Alissa Rathbun

Carter Lane



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Last	First	
Blodgett	Conner	
Carpenter	Gwendolyn	\$25
Casivant	Nikos	
Chatham	Jeremy	
Derwitsch	Jaclyn	
Dillon	Brian	
Dupont	Anna	\$30
Ferrara	Andrea	\$25
Grace	Charlie	
Kane	Matt	
Lane	Carter	
Legeyt	Nick	
Long	Josh	
Lupiani	Anthony	
Oates	Eliza	
Packard	David	
Pollock	Quinn	
Rathbun	Alissa	\$40
Rhoades	Bethany	\$15
Silk	Patrick	\$35
Trujillo	Paola	
Ullrich	Madison	\$105
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## 2019 Senior Class Trip Information Sheet

### TRIP DATES:

Depart: 5/28 (Tuesday) 5:30 am

Return: 5/29 (Wednesday) approximately 6:30 pm

School Chaperones: James Siket, Sarah Siket, Victoria Aldam, Joe McSpirtt, \_\_\_\_ \_

Attached please find the trip itinerary as well as rafting information. Please use the following information to help you pack for the senior trip. Remember this is a school sponsored event and all school rules apply during this adventure.

### DAY 1 WHITEWATER RAFTING:

Wild Waters

1123 Route 28, Warrensburg, NY 12885

<https://wildwaters.net/>

\*Please complete rafting release form and turn in with your school permission slip.

**5:30a** Arrive at Mount Everett to depart for trip. Please do not be late!

- Breakfast (eat at home or bring something for the bus)
- Lunch (provided by rafting company)
- Please bring \$ for a snack on the way to the hotel or after.
- Please bring \$5 to give your rafting guide as a tip
- Rafting pictures of your trip will be available after the trip. Please bring \$ if you would like to purchase any.

Provided by the rafting company: Helmet, **PFD**, paddle, wetsuit & booties (if needed), transportation to the river & NYS Licensed guide.

Things to Pack: Since the end of May can be cool, please make sure you bring enough warm clothing to wear with your wetsuit. Please do not wear cotton clothing. You **MUST** bring the following items.

- Water shoes or sandals that strap to your feet (no flip-flops!)
- Bathing suit (Ladies - we recommend a one piece bathing suit!)
- Eyeglass string (if needed)
- Tip money for your guides (\$5) & any additional spending money

The following items are highly recommended:

- Hat - wool or fleece. If it is cool out you can wear this under your helmet.
- Synthetic long underwear (polypropylene, capilene, etc.)
- Light windbreaker or waterproof jacket to wear over wetsuit if the day is chilly (Do not bring a winter or lined jacket to wear on the river)
- Rash guard or kayaking shirt and shorts
- Towel (To dry off with when you return from the trip)
- Sweatshirt & long pants & socks (After rafting you might be a little cool - bring something warm to change into after you get off the river)

Other suggested items:

- Waterproof camera or case for cellphone
- Sunscreen

**1:30p** Check into the hotel

- Enjoy the pool
- Shower and change for dinner cruise

**HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Country Inn and Suites by Radison  
1130 State Route 9 Queensbury NY, 12845  
Phone 518.745.0180 • Fax 518.745.0181

- Indoor and outdoor pool
- 3/4 Students to a room
- Buffet Breakfast included

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** Dinner cruise with DJ on Lake George

Lake George Steam Boat Company, Mohican  
57 Beach Road, Lake George, NY  
<https://lakegeorgesteamboat.com/>

**6:30p** Board the boat Mohican - we have a private rental, so it will just be Mount Everett seniors!

**7:00-9:00p** Sailing time

- A chicken picnic buffet dinner will be served
- DJ provided music for dancing

**9:30p** Return to hotel

- Free time
- Snacks available
- Free WiFi

**DAY 2 INDOOR/OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ZONE:**

The Fun Spot  
1035 State Route 9, Queensbury, NY 12804  
<http://thefunspot.net/>

**10:00a** Check out of the hotel

**10:15a - 2:15p** Play at The Fun Spot

- o Snacks available

Students will have the option to participate in the following activities:

- Mini Golf
- Go Karts
- LaserTag
- Ninja Challenge Course
- Roller Skating

**2:30p** Lunch in Lake George

- o Please bring money to buy lunch in Lake George Village

**3:30p** Meet to return home

**6 - 6:30p** Arrive back at Mount Everett

Senior Class Trip Paperwork Check Sheet:

- \_ School permission slip
- \_ White water rafting release form
- \_ Copy of health insurance card (we can make a copy if students bring cards in the week before)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group/Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
River/Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wild Waters Outdoor Center  
Medical History Report**

Please print and fill out **COMPLETELY**:

PARTICIPANT'S NAME:(please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you presently have, or have you ever had any of the following:

Diabetes Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_  
Heart Disease Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_  
Asthma Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Epilepsy Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_  
High/Low Blood Pressure Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_  
Shoulder Dislocation/Subluxation Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies (bee stings, food, etc.) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_  
Do you carry medication and what type? \_\_\_\_\_

**If YES to BEE STING, please make sure you bring your own bee sting kit!!!**

Do you wear contact lenses? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has your physical activity been restricted or altered during the past 5 years?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, give reasons why: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any recent significant illness or injury or been hospitalized other than already noted?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, give reasons why: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate your swimming ability: Beginner \_\_ Intennediate \_\_ Expert \_\_

Are you presently on any medication other than already noted?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical problems that might exclude you from participating in vigorous physical activity?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Release of Liability and  
Assumption of Risk Agreement  
\*\*\* Read Before Signing\*\*\*

**Adirondack Kayak Touring Company dba Wild Waters Outdoor Center**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the program, related events and activities, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death.
2. I knowingly and freely assume for all such risks, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES or others and assume full responsibility for my participation.
3. I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such attention to the nearest official immediately.
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Adirondack Kayak Touring Company dba Wild Waters Outdoor Center, its officers, officials, agents and/or lessors of premises used to conduct the event, (White Waters Realty Corp.), from any and all claims, demands, losses and liability arising out of or related to any INJURY, DISABILITY OR DEATH I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature Age Date

**FOR PARENT/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above all the Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature Date Emergency Phone Number (s)

**PUBLIC COMMENT AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All regular and special meetings of the School Committee and Sub-committees shall be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The School Committee desires citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of our local public schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the District's business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee and Sub-Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee. The Chair shall determine the length of the public participation segment.
2. Speakers will limit their comments to items on the meeting agenda
3. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes to present their material. The presiding chairperson may pennit extension of this time limit.
4. All remarks will be addressed to chairperson
5. Written comments may be presented to the chairperson before or after the meeting for the chair's review and consideration at the appropriate time.
6. Any citizen who wishes to place an item on a School Committee agenda may make a request in writing to the Superintendent and School Committee Chairperson. Together they will determine whether the item is within the scope of the committee's responsibilities and if so, when to place the item on the agenda.

First Reading: April 4, 2018

## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (TO BE DELETED WITH APPROVAL OF NEWBEDH)

A School Committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 20(f) governs public participation at open meetings covering all public bodies.

### **Chapter 30A:20 [Notice, Remote Participation, Public Participation, Certification]**

*(f) No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.*

The School Committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee Chair at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. Such request should contain background statements which would explain the scope and intent of the agenda item. The Chair of the Committee works with the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter. Brief oral requests for future agenda items may also be made during the public comment period at each School Committee meeting.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment on the meeting's agenda items and/or requests for future agenda items shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters. The presiding Chair or a School Committee majority may permit extension of the time limit.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. The Chair or a majority of the School Committee may permit extension of the speaker's time limit. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair or a majority of the School Committee. All



citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.

3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.
4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.

First Reading: April 4, 2019

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD ENTERING AGES

### Integrated Pre-Kindergarten

For the Integrated Pre-Kindergarten, students with special needs are eligible to join the program when they turn 2.9- 3.0 years of age, as determined by the Special Education TEAM. It is a half-day program (housed at Undermountain and New Marlborough). Pre-Kindergarten transportation on small buses and vans equipped with appropriate safety devices will be provided to in-district Pre-Kindergarten students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Priority for Peer Partners will be given to students who are 4 years of age by September 1st and who meet Peer Partner criteria as determined by the Director of Student Services, the Pre-Kindergarten Teachers, the Building Principal and the Early Childhood Screening TEAM. If more students register for Pre-Kindergarten than there is space, the students will be added to a lottery/wait list.

Students 3 years of age or older by September 1st will be added to a wait list for peer partners.

### Early Kindergarten

To be eligible, Early Kindergarten students must turn 5 years of age by September 1st and March 1st of the school year in which they are enrolling.

Priority is given to Peer Partners who have completed a year in the Pre-Kindergarten Program in-district students. For the school year 2019-2020 only, Peer Partners who have completed a year in the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and are age eligible will be guaranteed admission to the Early Kindergarten program. Remaining seats are offered to in-district students. If necessary, seats will be selected using a lottery system.

### Kindergarten

Children must be five years of age before September 1st to enter Kindergarten.

### Grade One

Children must be six years of age before September 1st to enter first grade in the Southern Regional School District with the same exception listed below.

### Exception for Grade One

Any student who is a resident of the District and who has successfully completed Kindergarten with documentation of such from his/her Kindergarten Teacher or school, or is 6 years old by September 1, will be permitted to enroll in Grade One in the District.

\*For the 2019-2020 school year, individual cases may be evaluated by the Superintendent/designee.

\*School Choice: Students who reside within the state of Massachusetts, who meet the age guidelines above will be eligible to enroll in district programs, per the MA School Choice Law. Non-resident students wishing to enroll in a half-day Pre-Kindergarten program will be eligible if space permits, participation in a screening, and upon School Committee granting admission once requested.

Early Kindergarten is for resident students. If space permits, non-resident students may request admission, following participation in a screening and School Committee Approval.

School Choice is available in Kindergarten and Grade One, as space permits.

First Reading: March 14, 2019

Second Reading: April 4, 2019

## **ORGANIZATION OF INSTRUCTION**

The District offers a diversified educational program compatible with the needs of the community and state standards.

The organizational plan is designed to facilitate the philosophy of educating every student, each to his/her fullest potential.

The structure consists of multiple levels, Elementary and Secondary.

The Elementary level includes schools with pre-kindergarten through grade 5. The Secondary consists of a middle level program grades 6-8 and a high school level program grades 9-12.

Special education services are integrated across each grade level in all schools.

The organization is designed to meet the standards established within the Curriculum Frameworks as required by the State Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education and to serve the needs of all students.

First Reading: March 14, 2019

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# SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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April 1, 2019

To: Superintendent Regulbuto, School Committee Members, and the SBRSD School Community

From: Sandi Hubbard, Director of Student Services

Re: April 4, 2019 Director's Report for School Committee Meeting

Hello!

As I write this, the sun is out! Spring brings with it new opportunities and activities, including planning for summer school programming. Supports for students with Individual Education Plans and summer school recommendation will be offered July 9, 2019 through August 1, 2019 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am to 1:30pm) at Undermountain Elementary and Mt. Everett. Parents will be notified via mail about the dates very soon and we look forward to all the nice weather has to offer as we plan projects and schedules for our summer school program!

Special Olympics is coming up very soon now. It will be held on May 1st at 9:00am at Monument Mountain High School track/field. Several of our students will be competing in various events that day. We invite the committee and community to join us in supporting our students on May 1<sup>st</sup>!

Information about upcoming spring and summer training opportunities is being gathered now and will include faculty and staff members in the Student Services Department. We are fortunate to be a part of the Title III Consortium (English Language Education), which offers trainings required for recertification in our area during the summer months. In addition, we continue to utilize our in-house professionals and resources to share their knowledge as we plan programming for the 2019-2020 school year.

Wishing all a restful and enjoyable spring break!

Respectfully,

Sandi

FY19 WARRANTS SIGNED  
MARCH 22, 2019

	Date	Voucher#	Total Amount:	General Fund Amount:
Manual Warrant	2/28/2019	1405	\$ 139,725.72	\$ 139,712.50
Vendor Warrant	3/22/2019	1503	\$ 290,175.35	\$ 204,618.31
Payroll Warrant	3/14/2019		\$ 359,740.94	\$ 336,186.52
			<u>\$ 789,642.01</u>	<u>\$ 680,517.33</u>



## SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 27, 2019

Senator Adam Hinds  
24 Beacon St, Room 309  
Boston, MA 02133

**Beth Regulbuto**

*Superintendent*

**Christine Regan**

*Business Administrator*

**Ken Knox**

*School Committee Chair*

**H. Dennis Sears**

*School Committee Vice Chair*

### **School Committee Members**

Arthur J. Batacchi, Jr.

Marcella Bush

Maryellen Brown

Jane Burke

Jeffrey Blaugrund

Jonathan Bruno

E. Bonnie Silvers

David Travis

Dear Senator Hinds,

On behalf of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the conversation today with your staff member A.J. Enchill, and for your comprehensive response to our letter of concern dated January 14, 2019. In preparation for today's meeting, below is a summary of the concerns and challenges that we would like to address in hopes that you will continue to advocate on our behalf and work towards resolutions on these issues.

**Rural Aid** - As we have shared, when last year's proposal went forward to the final vote, a portion of the formula that calculated rural school aid was changed, and as a result, SBRSD became ineligible for this additional funding. The District was slated to get approximately \$70,000 in the last iteration of the proposal. We are asking again that the criteria be adjusted to ensure that we will be part of any rural aid funding package, and that the formula is verified and indeed includes all rural Districts so that they receive the financial support they are due.

**Regional Transportation**- This topic has been at the forefront for regional schools for years. It is no secret that regional transportation reimbursement was to be an incentive for District's to regionalize, and that they were promised 100% reimbursement to do so. My understanding is that this has never come to fruition. The levels of regional transportation reimbursement have averaged in the 70% to 75% range with a loss of about 25% to 30% of that potential revenue annually, which adds up to hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars lost to Districts over the years. These funds could be used to provide needed programming and supports for all students. Another incredibly worrisome issue is that now there is a call to financially support transportation in cities and towns too. Our concern is that if transportation reimbursement funding is to be divided up even further over a greater number of districts, the outcome will be absolutely devastating in a rural District such as ours. We are struggling as it is to find companies to provide transportation, and in most cases it's a monopoly where the cost increases are substantial with no opportunities to use competition to provide some relief. Our transportation contract has a rate increase to the towns of 36% over five years. Also, there is no reimbursement for Special Education transportation. Most Districts have tried to develop programming in-house in an effort to keep costs down, and also to provide a more inclusionary experience for students who live in our communities.

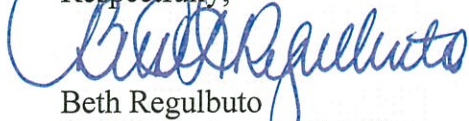
# SBRSD

However, there are times that Districts do not have appropriate programming, and the cost of out of district transportation can be expensive. The burden of these costs lies solely on the District. Again, we're faced with the challenge of not having available services in close proximity to our Districts, therefore, it is more expensive for us to provide services that our students need. In an attempt to mitigate costs, the District purchased mini-buses and a van for special needs transportation, athletics and field trips with capital funds, which again was an increase to the local budget. I believe most Districts want to be able to provide appropriate services in-District for our students, and we also know that the needs of all students have dramatically changed over the last decade. There is a greater need for counseling and behavioral support personnel in Districts, and that comes with additional costs. There is the need for additional funding in order to keep providing the necessary supports for students to be ready to access the curriculum and receive the educational experience they deserve in our District.

**Minimum Local Contribution** - Each year in a regional school district, the District budget is prepared and voted on by the school committee 45 days before the first town meeting of all the member towns that make up the District. In Southern Berkshire, a budget is voted and recommended by the School Committee by mid-March. At that time, we usually only have the Governor's Budget to work from. The budget then goes through each town's annual town meeting process, and is voted up or down, and in our case, we need four out of five towns to vote yes in order to have an approved budget. Over the last 8 to 10 years, the State Budget process has become increasingly longer. Often there are changes made to key components of the budget as late as June 30 or even later. In the last several years, one of those changes that has been made very late in the process, after most regional school districts have their budget in place, is a change to the minimum local contribution number of a member town. Using this year as an example, this caused a loss of (\$104,000) in voted funding to SBRSD from the member towns that had to be adjusted well after the budgets passed and certified. It was our hope to receive rural aid which we would use to improve our programming, but when the change in the minimum local contribution happened, our hope shifted that we could at least use that to offset this unanticipated loss. It felt a little bit more like robbing Peter to pay Paul, and in the end we didn't get the aid, so now we have to fund the loss internally so as not to go back to the member towns to request them to schedule five town meetings to request an increase in their appropriations to cover this change. I would ask that there be legislation put in place to prevent a change to the Minimum Local Contribution figures after a set date such as March 1st, to allow for Districts to plan their budget proposals in a timely manner in preparation for approval through the annual town meeting process.

We thank you for your continuing advocacy for the needs of rural schools, and we hope to continue to be part of the discussions around these important concerns.

Respectfully,

  
Beth Regulbuto  
Superintendent, M.Ed, SFO

  
Christine Regan  
Business Administrator

Cc: Smitty Pignatelli  
SBRSD School Committee