

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting #1317

Monday, September 17, 2018
7:00 PM

Media Center
Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street, Holden

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Kenneth Mills, Chair	Susan Hitchcock
Christina Smith, Vice-chair	Robert Imber
Scott Brown	Sarah LaMountain
Thomas Curran	Matthew Lavoie
Michael Dennis	Linda Long-Bellil
Anthony DiFonso	Amy Michalowski
Rachel Dolan	Asima Silva
Stephen Godbout	Megan Weeks
Maleah Gustafson	Charles Witkes

Committee Members Absent:

Harriet Fradellos	Michael Rivers
Benjamin Mitchel	Adam Young

Committee Members Participating Remotely:

None

Administration Present:

Darryll McCall, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Berlo, Deputy Superintendent
Jeff Carlson, Director of Human Resources
Daniel Deedy, Director of Business and Finance
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Student Representatives Present:

Donroy Ferdinand (7:18 PM)	Rianna Massoni-Nesman
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Others present, who desired to be recorded as present (see attached Attendance Sheet – attachment 1).

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. He announced the meeting is live on Channel 194 and is streaming live on HoldenTV.com.

I. Public Hearing

No members of the public wished to address the School Committee.

Without objection from the Committee, Chair Mills welcomed new Student Representative Rianna Massoni-Nesman to the table and invited her to introduce herself and to make her first report to the Committee. Student Representative Massoni-Nesman addressed the Committee, sharing her enthusiasm for serving as a Student Representative. She then reported on a topic of interest, environmental sustainability, and the importance of recycling and renewability.

II. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mills reported that DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley will be visiting Mountview Middle School on September 19, 2018, as part of the Commissioner's tour of the state. Chair Mills spoke about an upcoming MARS (Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools) meeting planned for October 10, 2018, at which Commissioner Riley will be in attendance. Chair Mills asked members who might be interested in attending this meeting to please advise.

Chair Mills invited Glenwood Principal Karen Cappucci and WRHS Assistant Principal Michael Pratt to the podium. Superintendent McCall gave some background on train-the-trainer training provided by the ALICE Institute (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate), explaining three District administrators took the training in the spring and eight additional administrators are scheduled to attend the training in October. Dr. Cappucci and Mr. Pratt addressed the Committee, providing information on ALICE and how this program will be implemented across the District. A PowerPoint was shown (attachment 2).

7:18 PM Student Representative DJ Ferdinand joined the meeting.

At the conclusion of Dr. Cappucci and Mr. Pratt's presentation, members were given the opportunity to ask questions, with many members having questions for the presenters. At the conclusion of the Q & A period, Dr. Cappucci and Mr. Pratt were thanked for their attendance and their presentation.

III. Student Representatives' Reports

Chair Mills welcomed Student Representative Ferdinand back to the Committee and gave him the opportunity address the Committee. Student Representative Ferdinand reported that former Student Representative Philip Baird is settled in as a freshman at Bridgewater State University, and he also spoke briefly about ALICE and school safety. He too spoke about environmental sustainability, reported on "spirit week," and finally DJ assured the Committee that the student body finds the brand of milk being served this school year is satisfactory.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion of Report

Superintendent McCall reported on an excellent and uneventful opening of schools.

Superintendent McCall called members' attention to the information in his Report focusing on questions raised by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with reference to Chapter 71, regional transportation reimbursement and the methodology used by the District when submitting annual Schedule 7 filings (attachment 3). Director of Business and Finance Deedy approached the podium. Superintendent McCall explained the recent approval received from DESE on the methodology WRSD will be using moving forward when submitting for regional transportation reimbursement. He further reported that on September 14, 2018 Jay Sullivan of DESE approved Director Deedy's amended FY17 End-of-Year Report.

Superintendent McCall took the time to further review the information in his Report, reminding that Chapter 71 regional transportation reimbursement calculations are still estimates. The FY18 original projection for Chapter 71 was \$2.5 M. The new estimate for FY18 was \$2.2 M (a difference of \$265,000 – difference between FY18 Original Projection and FY18 New Estimate).

Per Superintendent McCall, FY19 Original Projection \$2,426,365 for Chapter 71, which was **another projection**, and the FY19 New Estimate of \$2,496,270 resulted in a difference of almost \$70,000 to the good. Even with the lower original projection and the change using the new formula, the District is still better off than originally estimated. When the FY19 budget was built, it was anticipated transportation reimbursement would be at 73.9%, but it is 80% reimbursement (per state budget) according to Director Deedy. The difference between FY18 (-\$265,926) and FY19 (\$69,905) equals negative \$196,021.

Switching gears, Superintendent McCall spoke about Chapter 70, funding from the state. The FY19 original projection was \$27,400,000. The Cherry Sheet came in at almost 27,700,000, resulting in a difference of \$226,000 to the good. Superintendent McCall reported the state had a good year financially, resulting in increased Chapter 70 foundation dollar amount that went back to school districts.

Again referring to the information shared in his September 14, 2018 Report, Superintendent McCall explained the difference between Chapter 71 (transportation) and Chapter 70 (school funding formula) equals a difference of \$226,000 (reduced Chapter 71 reimbursement of negative \$196,000 (difference between FY18 and FY19 Chapter 71) and the increased Chapter 70 dollar amount (\$226,000) is a difference of \$30,000 to the good.

At Member Lavoie's inquiry, Superintendent McCall gave some history on how the District has been self-reporting ridership the last many years. At Member Lavoie's further inquiry, Superintendent McCall reported he feels confident Jay Sullivan will put in writing that he/DESE will not go back further than FY17 when looking at this district's regional transportation reimbursements. Superintendent

McCall explained that Mr. Sullivan had addressed the FY17 miscalculation and will put this in writing. Per Superintendent McCall, Chair Mills may reach out to Mr. Sullivan directly, requesting clarification from DESE, and upon request of Chair Mills, Mr. Sullivan will provide further written clarification. Superintendent McCall reported Mr. Sullivan has assured him with the modification made to the End-of-Year Report, "we're good now going forward," but Superintendent McCall did want it understood FY19 and FY20 regional transportation reimbursement will be impacted because methodology to be used will now be done correctly

Chair Mills commented he would want advice from District Counsel on how to pen letter/request to Mr. Sullivan at DESE, voicing his hesitancy reaching out to Mr. Sullivan in an official capacity without direction from counsel. Chair Mills wants to be "legally appropriate" if he does pen a request to the state. Member Lavoie voiced his opinion such a request should come from the Superintendent and not the School Committee. Superintendent McCall understands the questions and concerns being raised, but did explain that Mr. Sullivan specifically asked that the request for further written clarification come from the School Committee Chair. Superintendent McCall will again contact Mr. Sullivan to discuss further.

Member Dennis is looking for clarification about how FY18 End-of-Year Report and Schedule 7 will impact FY19 funding. FY18 End-of-Year Report has not yet been submitted to DESE, per Director Deedy. Dialogue between Member Dennis and Director Deedy took place. Chair Mills and Member Lavoie joined in the discussion. There was talk about the \$372,584 overstatement of reimbursable costs (FY18) for eligible reimbursement and the percentage of which the District received for reimbursement.

8:22 PM Vice-chair Smith left the table

Superintendent McCall and Director Deedy continued to explain the numbers and the information that had been shared in the Superintendent's Report. Member Dennis voiced he has still not heard an answer to his questions about the fiscal impact of the regional transportation reimbursement miscalculation. Member Michalowski tried to restate Member Dennis' questions and she also asked questions about how ridership and bus route are determined.

8:27 PM Vice-chair Smith returned to the table.

Discussion continued with many members of the Committee participating.

8:32 PM Member Godbout left the meeting.

8:35 PM Student Representative Ferdinand left the meeting.

As part of the discussion, Member Dennis again requested what the budget impact will be for FY18, FY19, and FY20. Member Dennis noted remarks by auditors

the past several years, commenting on the methodology used when filing for regional transportation reimbursement.

At Chair Mills' inquiry, Director Deedy confirmed the FY18 End-of-Year Report will be filed by the end of September 2018.

At Vice-chair Smith's comment about keeping the Member Towns apprised of the District's actions in addressing the regional transportation reimbursement matter, Superintendent McCall informed the Committee he had his monthly meeting with Town Administrators on September 10, 2018 and at that meeting there was in-depth discussion about regional transportation reimbursement.

Lastly, Member Dolan spoke about a meeting of Member Town officials held on September 11, 2018 and she commented that some have requested the District provide a line item budget for review by the town officials. Superintendent McCall and Director Deedy are looking at sample line item budgets used by other districts and are working on providing this information to the towns.

Regional transportation discussion concluded.

Member Dolan requested an updated copy of the District organizational chart, along with the most recent previous chart. Superintendent McCall will provide to all members.

At Member Gustafson's inquiry about language in the paraprofessional union contract which references agency fees, Legal Affairs Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock explained the subcommittee is aware of this language, and she further explaining that a "severability clause" in a contract is a provision which states that if a part of a contract is "illegal" or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the contract can remain enforce. Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock assured the Committee the District is in compliance.

Vice-chair Smith asked Superintendent McCall about the SRO (School Resource Officer) position at the high school. Superintendent McCall explained that two Holden Police Department officers will be trained as SROs and it is anticipated that upon completion of this training, one of the two officers will be assigned as the high school School Resource Officer. Some additional discussion took place about the SRO position.

9:12 PM Member Brown left the meeting.

B. Recommendations Requiring Action by the School Committee

There were no recommendations requiring School Committee action.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the School Committee.

VI. Secretary's Report

- A. Approval of 1315th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on July 16, 2018

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on July 16, 2018.

(R. Imber)
(S. Hitchcock)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

Michael Dennis
Sarah LaMountain
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks

The minutes were approved 12-0-4.

- B. Approval of 1316th Regular Meeting Minutes of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee held on August 20, 2018

Motion: To approve minutes of the regular meeting of the WRSDC held on August 20, 2018.

(T. Curran)
(S. Hitchcock)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills

Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski

Opposed:
None

Abstained:
Michael Dennis
Sarah LaMountain
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

The minutes were approved 11-0-5.

9:15 PM Superintendent McCall left the table.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements

Chair Mills reminded the Committee that if there were questions regarding the Director of Business and Finance's report that Members should contact the Superintendent; if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, Members should contact the Business/Finance Subcommittee Chair.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Management Subcommittee (K. Mills, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, T. Curran, M. Dennis, S. Hitchcock, R. Imber, M. Lavoie)

Chair Mills reported on the September 4, 2018 meeting of this subcommittee and announced the subcommittee will meet next on October 9, 2018.

- B. Education Subcommittee (R. Imber, Chair, C. Smith, Vice-chair, A. DiFonso, R. Dolan, S. LaMountain, L. Long-Bellil, A. Silva)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this subcommittee met immediately before this full Committee meeting.

Motion: To approve the second reading of Draft Policy 6122 *Policy Relating to Pupil Services Homelessness*, waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)
(S. LaMountain)

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: To approve the first reading of Amended Policy 3895 *Policy Relating to Education Limited English Language Learners* waiving the reading.

(R. Imber)

(R. Dolan)

Subcommittee Chair Imber reported this amended policy has been reviewed by District Counsel, with no edits made.

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Matthew Lavoie

Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

None

The motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Business/Finance Subcommittee (M. Dennis, Chair, C. Witkes, Vice-chair, M. Gustafson, L. Long-Bellil, B. Mitchel)

Subcommittee Chair Dennis reported on the September 11, 2018 meeting of this subcommittee.

- D. Legal Affairs Subcommittee (S. Hitchcock, Chair, S. Brown, Vice-chair, H. Fradellos, S. Godbout, M. Rivers)

Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock reported this subcommittee has not met since the last School Committee meeting.

Motion: To authorize the School Committee to appoint Fletcher Tilton; Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP; and Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce, P.C. as District Legal Counsel for the period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

(S. Hitchcock)

(R. Imber)

Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock reported that the Legal Affairs Subcommittee met on August 13, 2018 and at that meeting conducted interviews of Attorney Naomi Stonberg (by phone) and Attorney Joseph Bartulis. She further explained that Superintendent McCall provided the subcommittee with background of the District's interactions the past many years with Attorney Matthew MacAvoy, who provides legal support specializing in Special Education. Member Lavoie requested full Committee authorization of District Counsel be separated into three motions, allowing the Committee to vote independently on each of the three legal firms. Chair Mills explained there is a motion on the floor; therefore, that motion would need to be amended.

Motion: To amend the motion on the floor, separating authorization to appoint legal counsel, Fletcher Tilton; Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP; and Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce, P.C. for the period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 into three separate motions.

(M. Lavoie)

(A. Silva)

Upon inquiry, Legal Subcommittee Chair Hitchcock explained the process used seeking re-appointment of District Counsel, explained Request for Proposal is not necessary, and reported that Fletcher Tilton has been providing legal services since 2015, Attorney Stonberg has served as District Counsel for more than two decades, and Attorney MacAvoy has provided legal services to the District for at least 10 years. Discussion continued.

Vote on motion to amend motion on the floor:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Robert Imber
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Asima Silva

Opposed:

Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Susan Hitchcock
Sarah LaMountain
Amy Michalowski
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Chair Mills explained the motion to amend requires a majority in favor to pass.
The motion failed 8-8.

9:33 PM Member Dennis left the table.

Discussion about the motion to authorize appointment of legal counsel resumed.

9:36 PM Member Dennis returned to the table.

Discussion continued.

Motion: To call the question.

(S. LaMountain)
(C.Witkes)

Chair Mills explained the motion to call the question requires a 2/3 majority of members present (11 in favor) to pass.

Vote:

In favor:

Thomas Curran
Sarah LaMountain
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Christina Smith
Michael Dennis
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Matthew Lavoie
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Asima Silva

Abstained:

Kenneth Mills

The motion failed 4-11-1.

9:40 PM Member LaMountain left the table.

Superintendent McCall addressed the Committee, speaking about the three legal firms being considered to serve as District Counsel, outlining each firm's area of expertise and strengths. At the conclusion of Superintendent McCall address, discussion by members continued.

Motion: To reconsider failed motion to amend the motion on the floor.

(C. Smith)

(R. Imber)

Chair Mills explained this motion requires a simple majority to pass. Member Lavoie encouraged members to consider supporting three separate votes to appoint legal counsel.

9:51 PM Member LaMountain returned to the table.

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Christina Smith
Anthony DiFonso
Rachel Dolan
Matthew Lavoie
Asima Silva

Opposed:

Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Sarah LaMountain
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

The motion failed 6-10.

Attention returned to the original motion on the floor. At Member Imber's inquiry, Superintendent McCall confirmed he is generally pleased with the guidance and services provided by Fletcher Tilton. Some additional discussion ensued.

Motion: To extend the meeting for 30 minutes, until 10:30 PM.

(R. Imber)

(M. Weeks)

Chair Mills explained the motion to extend requires a 2/3 majority of members present (11 in favor) to pass.

Vote:

In favor:

Kenneth Mills
Rachel Dolan
Maleah Gustafson
Susan Hitchcock
Robert Imber
Linda Long-Bellil
Amy Michalowski
Megan Weeks
Charles Witkes

Opposed:

Christina Smith
Thomas Curran
Michael Dennis
Anthony DiFonso
Sarah LaMountain
Asima Silva

Abstained:

Matthew Lavoie

The motion failed 9-6-1.

Amended Policy 1312 *Policy Relating to School Committee Operation Evaluation of the Superintendent* - first reading

Deferred

- E. Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Subcommittee (M. Lavoie, Chair, A. Michalowski, Vice-chair, K. Mills, M. Weeks)

Deferred

- F. Audit Advisory Board

Deferred

- G. Facilities and Security Subcommittee (T. Curran, Chair, M. Rivers, Vice-chair, A. Young)

Deferred

- H. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Deferred

- I. Building Committees

- 1. Mountview Building Committee

Deferred

- J. School Council Reports:

Central Tree Middle School (M. Lavoie), Chocksett Middle School (S. Godbout), Davis Hill Elementary School (S. Brown), Dawson Elementary School (A. Young), Glenwood Elementary School (A. DiFonso), Houghton Elementary School (S. Godbout), Mayo Elementary School (T. Curran), Mountview Middle School (K. Mills), Naquag Elementary School (C. Witkes), Paxton Center School (B. Mitchel), Thomas Prince School (A. Silva), Wachusett Regional High School (A. Michalowski/C. Smith), Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Early Childhood Center

Deferred

- IX. Public Hearing

Deferred

X. New Business

Deferred

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
DM:rlp

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Sign-in sheets
- Attachment 2 – ALICE PowerPoint
- Attachment 3 – Excerpt from Superintendent' Report September 14, 2018

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2018

PLEASE **PRINT** YOUR NAME AND YOUR TOWN

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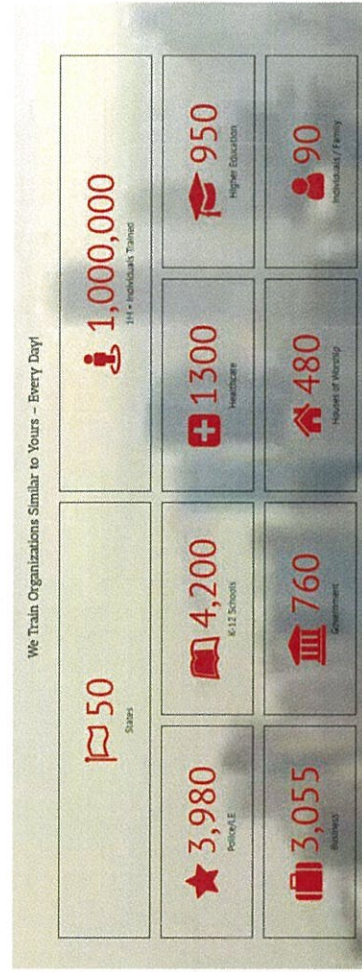
Alice

“People are always saying, ‘I didn’t think it could happen here.’ But you have to think, ‘It could happen in our town.’” —

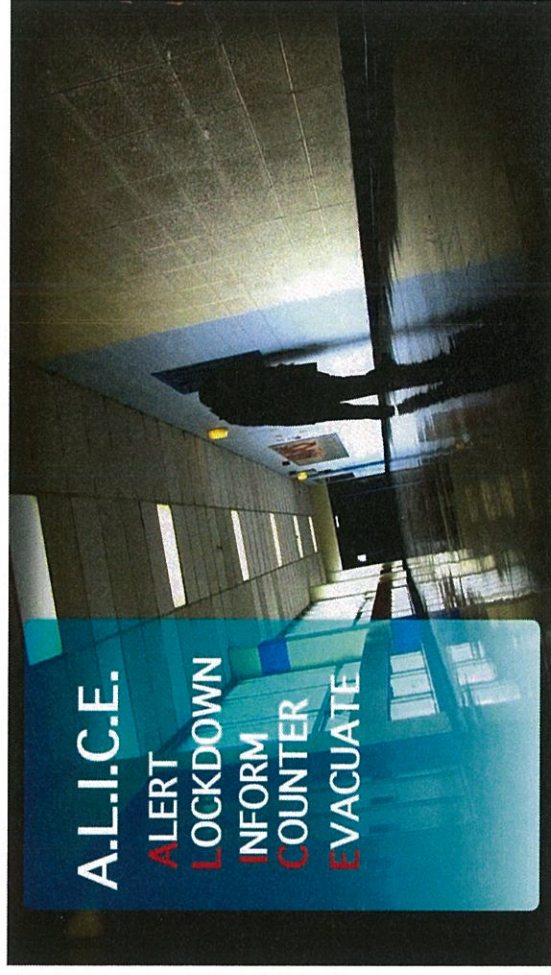
Tom Lynch, Barnstable Town Manager

Why ALICE?

- It is important to have several options to respond to different situations.
- Preparation, training and practice are crucial.
- It minimizes the potential for injury while law enforcement is responding to the scene.
- These skills are transferable to situations that take place in other venues such as the mall, church, theater, college, military, workplace, etc.
- It is supported by local, state and federal organizations.



In order for students to learn,
and teachers to teach
effectively, they need to feel
safe and secure in their
schools.



ALERT

- **ALERT** - Plain-Speak Language
- No Codes: "Initiate A.L.I.C.E."
- Alert can come from anywhere
- Act swiftly and decisively



LOCKDOWN



○ Your first choice may be to **LOCKDOWN**

○ Lock the door

○ Turn off the lights

○ Barricade /fortify the door

○ Be **THINKING** of **OPTIONS** if confronted by the threat

Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evaluate
ALICE
TRAINING INSTITUTE

INFORM

- No Codes
- Continuation of the **ALERT**
- Provide Real-Time Information – **HOW?**
- Allows for Good Decision-Making
- Exercise an OPTION

Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evaluate
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Consider
Options;
Use
New
Thinking;
Evade;
Retaliates!

This segment is about using “Counter Measures” to secure your safety and the safety of your students.

EVACUATE

Your first choice may be to **ESCAPE**

- Removes potential targets
- Reunification Site: **PRT**
- moves need for family/friends to come to scene
- Follows natural response/instinct

Alert
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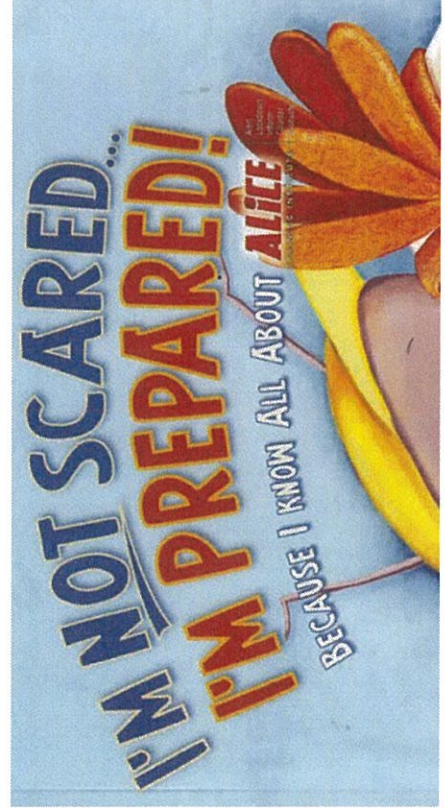
ALICE CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Resources Menu

FEDERAL AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE

 <p>Law enforcement officers may arrive after the shooting has ended.</p>	<p>No SINGLE response fits all active shooter situations.</p>	<p>It's possible that staff and students will need to use more than one option.</p>
<p>Active resistance is a last resort and should only be used if there are no other survival options.</p>	<p>Those in harm's way should make their own decisions.</p>	<p>Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly.</p>
<p>To better prepare for this type of situation, conduct regular drills.</p>	<p>Individuals must be mentally and physically prepared to deal with an active shooter situation.</p>	<p>As a last resort, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter.</p>

ALICE Looks Different for Every Grade Level



Massachusetts Task Force Safety and Security



<https://www.alicetraining.com/resources/item/massachusetts-task-force-report-school-safety-security/?portfolioCats=145%2C146%2C143%2C147%2C144%2C148>

Social Emotional Learning - We Start Here

Wachusett Regional School District's Strategic Plan

Domain 5

If the district supports effective researched-based practices that promote a healthy school climate, builds an understanding of social, emotional and physical health as factors affecting learning, and works collaboratively with families and community services, **then** students will be able to utilize their knowledge and skills to maximize their learning potential.

“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The next best thing is the wrong thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing.”

Theodore Roosevelt

Excerpt from Superintendent's Report September 14, 2018**Regional Transportation**

As I mentioned in my last report, the District was notified by DESE that we needed to modify how we calculate regional transportation reimbursement. According to DESE, the District's calculation methodology based upon percentage ridership and students residing within 1.5 miles of their school was in error. As a result, we have adopted a methodology acceptable to DESE for calculating regional transportation reimbursement, and moving forward will use this updated methodology when calculating Chapter 71 reimbursement for the District.

Using the updated methodology, Director Deedy has amended Schedule 7 for the FY17 End-of-Year report (EOYR) and we are awaiting final approval of this amendment. Per the amendment, the District was overcompensated \$265,925 in FY18 for regional transportation reimbursement. The following is the updated methodology which has been shared with DESE via the amendment and a separate email. On Friday, September 14th, Director Deedy received notification from Jay Sullivan at DESE that our revised methodology was correct:

EOYR Schedule 7 Methodology

1. Identify the number of riders for regular education transportation as of October 1 -- **6,573 for the 2017-2018 school year.**
2. Of that figure, identify the number of students who reside at least 1.5 miles from their school -- **5,462 riders.**
3. Again, looking at the figure of total riders, identify the number of students who reside 1.5 miles or less from their school -- **1,111 riders.**
4. Identify the total cost for Regular Education transportation as reported on Schedule 1, Expenditures by School Committee, Line 1464, Column 1. This figure is pulled from account ATR960 in MUNIS -- **\$3,755,032.**
5. Determine the cost per rider -- **$\$3,755,032.00 / 6,573 = \571.28 .**
6. Once the cost per rider is determined, use that figure to determine the reimbursable cost for riders over 1.5 miles and for riders under 1.5 miles
Riders over 1.5 miles $\$571.28 \times 5,462 = \$3,120,338.00$
Riders under 1.5 miles $\$571.28 \times 1,111 = \$634,693.00$
7. The figure for reimbursable cost is **$\$3,120,338.00$.**
8. Estimate the reimbursement percentage which is then used for budget purposes.

Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Reimbursement Estimates

<i>FY18 Original Projection</i>	<i>FY18 New Estimate</i>	<i>Difference</i>
\$2,544,708	\$2,278,782	-\$265,926
<i>FY19 Original Projection</i>	<i>FY19 New Estimate*</i>	<i>Difference</i>
\$2,426,365	\$2,496,270	\$69,905

*Includes \$250,000 reduction in transportation reimbursement per the DESE

Total Difference '18 + '19

-\$196,021

Chapter 70 Cherry Sheet

<i>FY19 Original Projection</i>	<i>FY19</i>	<i>Difference</i>
\$27,472,242	\$27,699,197	+\$226,955

Difference between Chapter 71 and Chapter 70 estimates

<i>Additional Chap. 70</i>	<i>Reduced Chap. 71</i>	<i>Difference</i>
\$226,955	-\$196,021	+\$30,934

Estimated Impact on FY19 from the original FY19 budget will be approximately \$30,934 to the good with the projected additional funding from Chapter 70.

On September 7th, I provide the Committee, as a request for information, the FY17 End-of-Year Report and the auditors' End-of-Year audit findings. In this Report, I am attaching the auditors' End-of-Year audit findings for FY16, FY15, and FY14 (attachments 4, 5, & 6).

At the suggestion of our local legislators by letter dated August 22nd, I met with Representative Ferguson, Senator Chandler, and representatives from Senator Tran's and Representative Naughton's offices on September 5th, to review and discuss regional transportation reimbursement (attachments 7 & 8). It was a very productive, cordial, and informative meeting, and I welcomed the opportunity to sit and discuss this matter with our interested local legislators.