

August 1, 2018

To: Finance Committee, Selectboard and School Committee members of the PVRSD:

Because of the financial problems in our PRVRS District that have come to light, we are concerned as to our Towns' financial obligations and what options we might have.

Finance Committee and Selectboard members are responsible for making recommendations to our voters as to requests made for funds.

In order to better understand our Towns' role in this situation, we have set up a meeting with Mary Jane Handy of MA DOR, and Jay Sullivan and Christine Lynch from DESE to meet with the Finance Committee and Selectboard members of our four Towns and on their recommendation, we are including Regional School Committee members and the Regional School Superintendent.

They will have a presentation for us addressing the problems we are facing and there will be a question and answer period. It will be an Open Meeting but the Chair will allow only members of the Finance Committees, Selectboards, School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to speak, if they wish. In other words, there will be no public comment period.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16 at 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Valley Regional School Auditorium. The Agenda for this meeting is included herewith. Please note that each of the groups involved need to post this meeting; this includes the four Selectboards, the four Finance Committees and the School Committee.

Lois Stearns, Chair

Jane Dutcher, Chair

Northfield Finance Cte

Bernardston Finance Cte.

**Joint Meeting with
Northfield, Bernardston, Leyden and Warwick Finance Committees
and Boards of Selectmen
&
Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee**

Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Pioneer Valley Regional School Auditorium
Northfield, MA 01360**

Agenda

- Call Meeting to order
- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview & Purpose of Meeting—Jay Sullivan & Mary Jane Handy
- DESE & DLS Outline Regional School Budget Process – Christine Lynch, Jay Sullivan & Mary Jane Handy
- Open Discussion about Long Term Financial Stability and Reaching Revenue Consensus
- Next Steps
- Adjourn