



CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 2, 2017

Dear Select Board Chair,

This letter is being sent in accordance with Mass General Law and the Central Berkshire School District Regional Agreement to inform you that the School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District voted unanimously on January 12, 2017 to conduct a ballot vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71 §16(n).

Subsequently, at the School Committee Meeting on January 26, 2017, the committee voted unanimously to appropriate \$850,000 for the Wahconah Feasibility Study in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(n) (see enclosed Warrant Ballot Question). The official Warrant Ballot Question will be sent in a timely manner, in accordance with Mass General Law. The parameters of the study will look at the options of renovating or rebuilding the current facility for a High School serving students in grades 9-12 in the seven member towns.

We look forward to working with you to set up the votes. A vote is planned for Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in each of the seven towns. The District Committee shall be responsible for preparing the ballots used at the election.

This will be discussed further at the Seven Town Meeting being held on February 16, 2017 at 7pm at Wahconah Regional High School.

Respectfully,

Laurie Casna
District Secretary

Enclosure

ELECTION WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Berkshire, ss.

To the registered voters of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified and warned that the inhabitants of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor registered to vote in any of said Towns, said Towns being the member towns of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, are to meet at their respective polling places, to wit,

In the TOWN OF BECKET at the Town Hall, located at 557 Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF CUMMINGTON at the Town Hall located at 33 Main St in said Town, in the TOWN OF DALTON at the Dalton CRA located at 400 Main St in said Town, in the TOWN OF HINSDALE at the Town Hall located at 39 South St in said Town, in the TOWN OF PERU at the Peru Community Center located at 3 East Main Rd in said Town, in the TOWN OF WASHINGTON at the Town Hall located at 8 Summit Hill Rd in said Town, and in the TOWN OF WINDSOR at the Windsor Town Hall located at 1927 Route 9 in said Town

on Saturday, April 8, 2017 to vote by BALLOT on the following question:

“Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District on January 26, 2017, to authorize the borrowing of \$850,000 to pay costs of the Wahconah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wahconah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd. Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental and related thereto, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

BE IT VOTED: That the Central Berkshire Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$850,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the Wahconah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wahconah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd. Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the “Study”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Wahconah Project School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(n), and the District Agreement, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA’s”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility

Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.”

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open from eight o'clock a.m. to two o'clock p.m.

The District Secretary is hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one public place in each of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor, and by publishing a copy thereof at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, said posting and publication to occur at least ten days before the day of election as aforesaid.

The District Secretary shall make due return of this Warrant with his or her doings thereon to the office of the District Secretary on or before the day of the election aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Central Berkshire Regional School District this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Central Berkshire Regional
School District Committee

A True Copy Attest:

District Secretary

DATE: _____

RETURN OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Secretary, of the Regional District School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, certify that at least 10 days prior to Saturday, April 8, 2017, I posted or caused to be posted, a true and attested copy of this warrant in the Town Clerk's office in each of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor (collectively, the District's "Member Towns", and in addition, that I caused a copy of the within warrant to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Member Towns of the District on _____, _____, 2017, which date was also at least 10 days prior to Saturday, April 8, 2017, all as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws.

District Secretary

DATE: _____

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