

# LINCOLN SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT



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# Why did we start this process?

- The Agreement had not been reviewed since 1988.
- The Agreement was not consistent with the practices of the members Towns or the Regional School District.

# What did we aim to do?

- Change Nothing of Substance – most notably the assessment formula!!!
- Make the Agreement consistent with DESE's current requirements.
- Clean it up.

# The Biggest Issue

- The District Agreement did not reflect the assessment method the member Towns and Regional School District had been using for years because it did not reflect the use of a 3-year enrollment average.

# Compliance Examples

- Reference to the 1971 special legislation related to the election process
- Clarify wording of the assessment method to make it legally compliant (does not change the long-standing practice)
- Add definitions are different elements of the budget, e.g., Capital Cost, Operating Costs.
- Add legal references to budget process (and restructure it to flow as the process really flows).

# Cleanup Examples

- Remove list of prior amendments
- Remove language related to the initial formation of the District.
- Simplify election language to reflect current practice.
- Add reference to debt approval statute.
- Add DESE approval language to withdrawal process.
- Separate out admissions process.

# What did we not do?

- We did not do anything that should feel like a change.
- No change to assessment method.
- No change to election of school committee members.
- No change to the rights of the member Towns.
- No change to the rights of the School District or is School Committee.

# Questions?