

Protocol for Adopting Amended Agreement, Bonding, and Withdrawing

1) Each Town that will have an article in its 2016 ATM Warrant asking if voters wish to withdraw from Minuteman Regional School District (**MM**) shall declare its intention to **MM's** School Committee (**SC**) by (**TBD**) and request that it be named in the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal** Section of the 2016 Proposed Amended Agreement (**PA16**) as discussed below.

2) By (**TBD**) **SC** shall draft **PA16** and circulate it to each of the member towns for inclusion in the Warrants for their respective ATM's for 2016. **PA16** shall include all provisions of the Proposed Amended Agreement dated March 11, 2014 (**PA14**), plus a new section entitled "**Initial Procedure for Withdrawal**" which shall include the following provisions:

- a) A provision naming each declaring member town ("**Declarant**") that has given notice pursuant to paragraph 1 above;
- b) A provision: (i) setting the date on which the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal** shall expire and by which the Town Clerk of any **Declarant** may certify to **MM** that, at Town Meeting, the voters of that Town voted by a simple majority to withdraw from **MM**; and (ii) stipulating that any certification received after the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal** expires shall be treated as a notice of desire to withdraw under the procedure set forth in **PA14**, Section IX;
- c) A provision stipulating that a vote by any member town to adopt **PA16** constitutes approval by that member town of the withdrawal of any **Declarant** that has complied with the provisions of the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal**;
- d) A provision stipulating that approval of **PA16** by the Commissioner of Education shall constitute approval by the Commissioner, in accordance with 603 CMR 41.03(2), of the withdrawal of any **Declarant** that has complied with the provisions of the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal**;
- e) A provision stipulating that withdrawal of a **Declarant** shall become effective on July 1 of the year following approval by the Commissioner of **PA16**;
- f) A provision stipulating that a **Declarant** withdrawing pursuant to the provisions of the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal** shall be subject to the *Continuing Obligations After Withdrawal* set forth in **PA14**, Section IX (B), but only with respect to obligations incurred by the **Declarant** prior to its vote to approve **PA16**.

3) Each member town shall include in its 2016 ATM Warrant an article asking if voters approve:

- a) **PA16**, and
- b) A **Bonding Article** for borrowing to construct a new school building.

4) Each **Declarant** shall include in its 2016 ATM Warrant an article asking if voters approve:

- a) **PA16**,
- b) **Declaring** its desire to withdraw pursuant to the **Initial Procedure for Withdrawal**, and
- c) A **Bonding Article** for borrowing to construct a new school building.