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**Special Education Transportation Task Force
April 3, 2019
Minutes**

Members present: Colleen Cavanaugh, Margaret Driscoll, Carla Jentz, Joanne-Haley Sullivan, John Hennessey and Jay Sullivan.

Meeting Convened at 10:05 AM.

Contract Updates

Final edits were reviewed on the letter being sent to the Commissioner of Education. Ms. Sullivan created a Google doc and will share with the Taskforce. Ms. Cavanaugh will make the edits discussed and send out for a final review. The goal is to make the Commissioner aware of the project and to ask for his assistance in getting the word out to all districts in the Commonwealth. Mr. Sullivan will ask the Commissioner if and when he plans to send out information and in what format so taskforce members can let their members be aware of it.

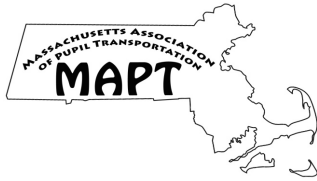
A special commission governed by section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws was formed to study and make recommendations to improve efficiencies relative to all aspects of student transportation. Ms. Cavanaugh and Mr. Sullivan made presentations at the first hearing held on March 15th. Ms. Jentz was also in attendance and shared that both presentations were well done. Information on the commission, future hearing dates and both Power Point presentations will be sent out to the Taskforce.

Final changes to the website have been concluded and the DESE October 1 FY19 data has been uploaded. A brief demonstration was made. Members were encouraged to inform their respective members of the website. Any input is greatly appreciated moving forward so we ensure this resource meets district's needs. A survey has been added to the website to assist with that.

The October data was broken down by program type with number of students and programs illustrated. Member questioned what is represented under the "Private Non-Public" category that shows ten (10) students attending eight (8) programs. (*Note: A follow up was done after the meeting and the programs listed are; Acera School, Bancroft School, Chapel Hill Chauncy Hall, Clark School (Rowley), Hillside, St. Mark, The Tremont School and the Touchstone Community School.*)

Ms. Driscoll will look into allowing MAPT to host a table in the foyer at their Annual Conference in May to share information on the efforts of the Taskforce. A presentation is being conducted on the review process and three business managers will participate in a panel discussion on Wednesday, May 15th at 2:30 PM.

It is still unclear at this time if funding for this effort will continue next year, the current contract expires August 31, 2019. Mr. Sullivan will look into potential funding.



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The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 12:30 PM, lunch will be provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Cavanaugh