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To Whom it May Concern:

It is my honor and privilege to invite you, at the direction of the Hopedale Select Board, to a regional summit to discuss budgetary and other matters regarding Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT). The summit will occur on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m., at the Hopedale Community House, 43 Hope Street, Hopedale, MA 01747.

We understand there has been information circulating in the public, some true and some not, regarding future capital planning needs at BVT. By this point, it has been communicated to most district communities it is the intent of the district to create a stabilization fund. We also understand that like many small communities throughout the Commonwealth, towns in our district are constantly looking to get ahead of and plan for budgetary needs as finances are tight.

The intent of this summit is to engage in a district-wide conversation about our individual and collective community needs, the role that the vocational school plays in meeting those needs, and the overall impact of bonded capital investments on our other public-school districts/systems. More succinctly put, there have been concerns expressed by constituents, boards, and committees across town boundaries regarding tough decisions about the use of funding sources.

Light refreshments will be served. Please be mindful of posting this as a meeting if you have quorums of any of your boards/committees attending.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mitch F. Ruscitti, MPA
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