

Dear Rural Town BOS and FinComms:

Please be aware that the MA Rural Schools Coalition, formed in March of 2016, has been advocating for educational funding equity since its inception (<https://vimeo.com/314401931>). You are receiving this email because your town is among the 135 economically disadvantaged towns responsible for supporting rural public schools.

Last year, we realized Rural School Aid and a funding level of \$1.5 million. This year, Senator Adam Hinds has proposed a continuation of Rural School Aid at a funding level of \$9 million. Critically, based on the advocacy of the Rural Schools Coalition, Senator Hinds has proposed the addition of a **rurality factor into the Chapter 70 formula**, which would be a more permanent solution for all of us.

We need your support!! Please advocate for **SD2292** (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/SD2292>). As the cliché goes, strength in numbers!

Projection of districts and allocations based on \$9 million Rural School Aid proposal (\$235 per student):

	SCHOOL DISTRICT	FOUNDATION ENROLLMENT	SQUARE MILES	STUDENT DENSITY	PER CAPITA INCOME	RURAL \$9M SE
1	ATHOL-ROYALSTON	1,733	75.9	22.8	\$ 23,487	\$
2	BERKSHIRE HILLS	1,010	88.1	11.5	\$ 34,542	\$
3	BRIMFIELD	262	35.3	7.4	\$ 36,406	\$
4	BROOKFIELD	246	16.6	14.8	\$ 29,391	\$
5	CENTRAL BERKSHIRE	1,568	214.4	7.3	\$ 30,207	\$
6	CHESTERFIELD-GOSHEN	114	49.0	2.3	\$ 31,079	\$
7	CLARKSBURG	182	12.8	14.2	\$ 28,274	\$
8	CONWAY	86	37.9	2.3	\$ 37,737	\$
9	DEERFIELD	316	33.5	9.4	\$ 35,998	\$
10	EDGARTOWN	438	122.8	3.6	\$ 38,588	\$
11	ERVING	217	14.4	15.1	\$ 25,165	\$
12	FARMINGTON RIVER	214	91.0	2.4	\$ 32,686	\$
13	FLORIDA	66	24.6	2.7	\$ 26,852	\$
14	FRANKLIN COUNTY REG VOC TECH	463	542.2	0.9	\$ 28,475	\$
15	FRONTIER	577	106.7	5.4	\$ 33,775	\$
16	GATEWAY	860	174.5	4.9	\$ 29,977	\$
17	GILL-MONTAGUE	1,072	46.3	23.2	\$ 28,017	\$
18	GRANBY	701	28.1	25.0	\$ 31,002	\$
19	HALIFAX	647	17.4	37.2	\$ 33,177	\$
20	HAMPSHIRE	663	131.0	5.1	\$ 33,987	\$
21	HANCOCK	73	35.7	2.0	\$ 31,535	\$
22	HATFIELD	347	16.8	20.6	\$ 35,751	\$

23	HAWLEMONT	93	57.2	1.6	\$ 27,994	\$
24	HOLLAND	172	13.1	13.2	\$ 32,734	\$
25	LEE	615	27.0	22.8	\$ 33,018	\$
26	LEVERETT	112	23.0	4.9	\$ 40,416	\$
27	MARTHA'S VINEYARD	677	350.8	1.9	\$ 33,425	\$
28	MOHAWK TRAIL	930	230.4	4.0	\$ 30,570	\$
29	MONSON	936	44.8	20.9	\$ 31,805	\$
30	MOUNT GREYLOCK	1,083	76.5	14.2	\$ 33,896	\$
31	NAUSET	1,186	109.2	10.9	\$ 37,692	\$
32	NEW SALEM-WENDELL	108	90.9	1.2	\$ 29,858	\$
33	NORTH BROOKFIELD	609	22.0	27.7	\$ 27,452	\$
34	NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REG VOC TECH	449	231.7	1.9	\$ 26,612	\$
35	OAK BLUFFS	447	25.9	17.2	\$ 30,190	\$
36	OLD COLONY REG VOC TECH	465	155.0	3.0	\$ 33,694	\$
37	OLD ROCHESTER	1,108	86.3	12.8	\$ 39,209	\$
38	ORANGE	613	36.0	17.0	\$ 21,203	\$
39	PETERSHAM	70	68.3	1.0	\$ 31,904	\$
40	PIONEER VALLEY	688	114.5	6.0	\$ 31,968	\$
41	PLYMPTON	210	15.1	13.9	\$ 38,629	\$
42	QUABBIN	1,956	169.6	11.5	\$ 32,603	\$
43	QUABOAG	1,211	48.8	24.8	\$ 28,496	\$
44	RALPH C. MAHAR	606	195.2	3.1	\$ 23,996	\$
45	ROCHESTER	513	36.0	14.2	\$ 37,340	\$
46	ROWE	48	24.0	2.0	\$ 23,932	\$
47	SAVOY	60	36.0	1.7	\$ 28,533	\$
48	SHUTESBURY	117	27.1	4.3	\$ 38,361	\$
49	SOUTHAMPTON	478	29.0	16.5	\$ 34,196	\$
50	SOUTHEASTERN REG VOC TECH	1,531	195.4	7.8	\$ 32,396	\$
51	SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE	668	154.3	4.3	\$ 37,440	\$
52	SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REG VOC TECH	1,161	252.7	4.6	\$ 29,580	\$
53	SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE	1,430	107.4	13.3	\$ 35,064	\$
54	SUNDERLAND	185	14.8	12.5	\$ 28,057	\$
55	TANTASQUA	1,590	119.9	13.3	\$ 34,437	\$
56	TISBURY	347	19.1	18.2	\$ 30,955	\$
57	TRURO	220	26.2	8.4	\$ 39,472	\$
58	UP-ISLAND REGIONAL	428	183.0	2.3	\$ 34,263	\$
59	WALES	143	16.0	9.0	\$ 30,582	\$
60	WARE	1,325	40.0	33.2	\$ 27,894	\$
61	WELLFLEET	105	35.4	3.0	\$ 39,276	\$

62	WESTHAMPTON	127	27.4	4.6	\$ 34,464	\$
63	WHATELY	87	20.6	4.2	\$ 36,054	\$
64	WHITTIER REG VOC TECH	1,244	213.1	5.8	\$ 36,969	\$
65	WILLIAMSBURG	170	25.7	6.6	\$ 35,721	\$
	TOTALS	38,176				\$

Sincerely,

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