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Jim Malkin, Chair
Chilmark Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535

Dear Chair Malkin:

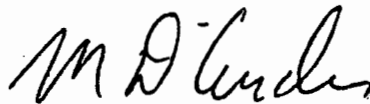
I am writing on behalf of the All-Island School Committee's Negotiations Committee to request that you appoint a representative to work with the Negotiations Committee as we enter into negotiations with our five MTA bargaining units in the fall. This process typically starts with the teachers and then works its way through the other smaller units. It is our hope that each town on the Island can participate in a meaningful way during this entire process.

While your representative can be a Selectman, a FinCom member, or just an interested citizen, please remember that the negotiations sessions typically occur during the late afternoon or early evening and the process can last for several months through the winter. During the last cycle, we had a great deal of difficulty in maintaining consistent attendance from our town representatives.

At our first meeting, which still needs to be scheduled, we hope that all representatives can be present and that we can discuss the negotiations process and everyone's role in that process. The Mass. General Laws only call for participation by the non-regional towns in this process; however, we would truly like everyone to be at the table in some capacity.

Please call me if you have questions and forward the name and contact information for your representative as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew T. D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Tim Carroll, Town Administrator ✓
Robert Hannemann, Finance Committee Chair

