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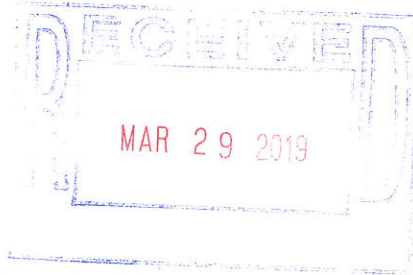
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March 27, 2019

Jim Malkin, Chair
Chilmark Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 119
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Dear Chair Malkin:

On March 25, 2019, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District School Committee voted to use three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) of Excess & Deficiency funds to secure the services of an owner's project manager and a landscape architect to design an athletic track and synthetic infield at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School campus in Oak Bluffs.

As referenced in 603 CMR 41.05 (enclosed), the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District School Committee is sending this letter to notify the member towns of the amendment to the FY19 previously approved budget.

The local appropriating authority of every member town shall have forty-five (45) days from the date of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District School Committee vote to meet and consider the amendment. The proposed amendment shall be effective if it is approved by two-thirds of the local appropriating authorities. If a member town does not vote on the proposed amendment within the forty-five (45) day period, that member town shall be deemed to have approved the amended budget.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. D'Andrea
Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure

Education Laws and Regulations

603 CMR 41.00: Regional School Districts

41.05: Regional School District Budgets

(5) Amendments to Approved Budgets

(a) A regional school committee may propose, with a two-thirds vote, an amendment to a previously approved budget. If such amendment results in an increase in the total amount of the budget or an increase in assessment for any member, such amendment shall be submitted to the local appropriating authorities for their approval. The treasurer of the regional school district shall submit the proposed amendment to the members within 7 days from the date of the regional school committee vote. The local appropriating authority of every member shall have 45 days from the date of the regional school committee's vote to meet and consider the amendment. The proposed amendment shall be effective if it is approved by two-thirds of the local appropriating authorities and by the local appropriating authority of any member whose assessment is increased.

(b) If a local appropriating authority does not vote on the proposed amendment within the 45-day period and that local appropriating authority has previously appropriated funds for its assessment in an amount greater than or equal to the member's assessment for the amended budget, that member shall be deemed to have approved the amended budget.

(c) If a proposed amendment to a previously approved budget does not increase the total amount of the budget and reduces or leaves unchanged the assessment for every member, the amendment shall not require approval by the local appropriating authorities and shall be effective upon a two-thirds vote of the regional school committee.

(d) If the Commissioner adjusts the required local contribution of any member or members subsequent to the approval of the budget, the regional school committee shall propose an amendment to the budget to reflect such adjustments.

(e) Whenever a member's assessment is reduced to a smaller amount than previously appropriated by the local appropriating authority, the appropriation shall automatically be deemed to be reduced to such lesser amount.

(f) Transfers from one budget line item to another shall require and be effective upon approval of the regional school committee. Such approval shall be by a majority vote of the regional school committee unless otherwise specified in the regional agreement. Authority for such transfers may not be delegated.