

Gateway Regional School District

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Mitchell Chester, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

75 Pleasant Street

Malden, MA 07148-54906

Re: FY 2016 Budget

Dear Commissioner Chester:

The Gateway Regional School District's initial [budget](#) for the 2015-2016 school year has been rejected by four of our six district towns. This budget, as adopted by the school committee was set at \$16,406,639. The adopted budget for FY'16 is \$418,056, or 2.5%, lower than the approved budget for FY'15.

The school committee will, under M.G.L., Chapter 71, Section 16B, amend and resubmit a budget to our six towns. Given the timing of the budget process in the district (Chester's Annual Town meeting was just held on Saturday, June 13th) the district will not have a budget in place for FY'16 by July 1, 2015 and will thus need to have you certify a 1/12th budget beginning on July 1, 2015. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Dr. David B. Hopson

Superintendent

Pc: Michele Crane, School Committee Chair

Christine Lynch, DESE Regional School Governance

---District Vision Statement---

The Gateway Regional School District will provide an exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.