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Mohawk Trail Regional School District to Host MA Rural Communities Summit

Mohawk Trail Regional School District will host a summit meeting of MA rural communities on February 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is an initiative organized by the MA Rural Schools Coalition, which formed in early 2016 in order to advocate for the unique needs of rural traditional public schools in the Commonwealth. The purpose of this summit is to expand collaborative efforts beyond rural school districts to include rural towns.

Among the topics to be discussed at this summit are the efforts of the MA Rural Schools Coalition and potential areas of collaboration with the rural towns on common issues such as access to high-speed Internet. While the February 9th summit will be a public meeting, organizers are focusing invitations toward rural town officials, particularly select boards and finance committee members. Additionally, the rural school superintendents will invite their respective school committee members to attend.

According to Mohawk Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, Chairman of the MA Rural Schools Coalition, “The issues facing rural traditional public schools are intertwined with the issues facing rural towns. On both the school side and the town side, we face significant fiscal challenges due to the lack of economies of scale resulting from our smaller populations. In order for our schools to achieve financial (and thus educational) sustainability, our towns must also achieve financial sustainability. It is essential that we work together.”

The MA Rural Communities Summit will take place in the Mohawk Trail Regional High School in the auditorium.

For further information, please contact the superintendent's office at Mohawk Trail Regional School District at 413-625-0192 x1010.