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Superintendent Edward Bouquillon
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District
758 Marrett Road
Lexington, MA 02421

Dear Superintendent Bouquillon:

You and your staff have consulted with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and kept us informed during the planning process for Minuteman's proposed building project. As we have discussed, final approval of the building size and program is the responsibility of the School Building Authority, while approval of new Chapter 74 programs is the responsibility of the DESE Office of Career and Vocational Technical Education. While both of those application processes are still underway, the Department is in general agreement with your proposed plans as submitted to the Department.

Minuteman is an important educational resource for the students in your member communities. We appreciate the efforts of you and your school committee to craft a fiscally responsible plan that downsizes the school to avoid over-reliance on non-member enrollment, while still maintaining a high quality vocational and academic curriculum. When you are successful in gaining the necessary approvals from your members, we look forward to working with you and the Authority to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Wulfson".

Jeff Wulfson
Deputy Commissioner