

Regional School Governance School Committee Representation

One Person, One Vote

*Massachusetts Association of
Regional Schools*



School Committee Membership Options

MGL, CH 71, Section 14E: regional school district may, by amendment to its regional school district agreement, provide for one of the following options concerning the members of its regional district school committee:



Option 1

electing committee members by voters in member communities with each community's representation apportioned according to population



Option 2

Electing members in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections



Option 3

electing members with residency requirements
in district-wide elections to be held at the
biennial state elections



Option 4

weighing the votes of committee members according to the population they represent



Option 5

appointing committee members by locally elected officials such as school board members



Current Gateway School Committee Representation

15 Members - CURRENT CONFIGURATION						
Population according to latest Federal Census						
DISTRICT	Population	Elected	Deviation from 100%	Combined Weight	Individual Weight	Elected
BLANDFORD	1,253	627	85%			2
CHESTER	1,370	457	117%			3
HUNTINGTON	2,191	730	73%			3
MIDDLEFIELD	530	265	201%			2
MONTGOMERY	853	427	125%			2
RUSSELL	1,776	592	90%			3
	7,973					15
	532					
	deviation		116%			
	This composition would not meet one person one vote					



Proposed Gateway School Committee Representation

16 Members - CURRENT CONFIGURATION

Population according to latest Federal Census

DISTRICT	Population	Elected	Deviation from 100%	Combined Weight	Individual Weight	Elected
BLANDFORD	1,253	627	85%			2
CHESTER	1,370	685	78%			2
HUNTINGTON	2,191	548	97%			4
MIDDLEFIELD	530	265	201%			2
MONTGOMERY	853	427	125%			2
RUSSELL	1,776	444	120%			4
	7,973					16
	532					
	deviation		123%			
This composition would not meet one person one vote						



Option 4: Weighted Votes

15 Members - WEIGHTED VOTES						
Population according to latest Federal Census						
DISTRICT	Population	Elected	Deviation from 100%	Combined Weight	Individual Weight	Elected
BLANDFORD	1,253	522	102%	2.4	1.2	2
CHESTER	1,370	527	101%	2.6	1.3	2
HUNTINGTON	2,191	548	97%	4.0	1.0	4
MIDDLEFIELD	530	530	100%	1.0	0.5	2
MONTGOMERY	853	533	100%	1.6	0.8	2
RUSSELL	1,776	538	99%	3.3	1.1	3
	7,973			14.9		15
	532					
	deviation		5%			
	This composition would meet one person one vote					



Questions & Discussion

