

## **REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS**

The legal basis for public education in the District is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of Massachusetts and state statutes pertaining to education.

Regional school districts are created in accordance with state law and the regional agreement approved by the member towns.

The Greater Fall River Vocational School District exists through an agreement between municipalities under laws pertaining to education and under regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education. The area served by the Greater Fall River Vocational School District is identified in the Regional Agreement.

LEGAL REFS.:        Constitution of Massachusetts, Part II, Chapter V, Section II  
                         M.G.L. 71:1  
                         M.G.L. 71:14B Regional School Districts Formation; Procedure  
                         M.G.L. 71:16 through 17:16I

CROSS REF: BB School Committee Legal Status

**NOTE:            This policy would be recoded as Policy AA in Regional School Districts.**

**Superintendency Unions would add a reference to MGL 71:63.**

**Regional school districts often refer to the regional agreement with the legal references; many have included a copy of the regional agreement as an exhibit document coded AA-E.**

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