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## MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **Re: Regionalization Discussion**

In behalf of the Maynard School Committee I would like to thank you and the Nashoba Committee for your willingness to consider a regionalization discussion with the Maynard School Committee. Although similar conversations have taken place in the recent past, Maynard's immediate interest is driven by a facility decision regarding its High School, i.e. should the community make a significant capital investment in its current facility, or is regionalization with a contiguous District educationally and fiscally a better alternative for all parties? In pursuing the regionalization conversation, the Maynard Committee sought first to simply understand if contiguous districts would consider regionalization. If Nashoba is willing to continue such a conversation, both parties would need to identify the most salient issues that might drive a more in depth discussion and then develop a common plan to determine the pluses and minuses for each. As one example, Maynard currently offers a very personal educational experience to its 340 high school students. The Maynard School Committee would have to weigh the advantages/disadvantages of sending students to a larger, 1300+ regional high school. Certainly that decision would be based on a comprehensive understanding of the long-term regional costs associated with joining Nashoba.

The Maynard School Committee understands that any such conversation is based on the premise that joining Nashoba as a pre-K through 12 district is the only option. Further the Maynard Committee understands that the Nashoba Committee must consider whether adding 340 or so high school students to its regional facility is advantageous or not. In summary it would be helpful if the Nashoba Committee wishes to pursue a regionalization conversation to indicate its interest to the Maynard School Committee.

In behalf of the Maynard School Committee,

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