

## **Why are we voting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016?**

This will be a simultaneous vote in each of the sixteen member towns of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District asking residents to authorize the borrowing of \$144.9 million to build a new District school. The current facility does not meet building code, fire code, or handicap accessibility laws.

Boxborough, Carlisle, Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston have withdrawn from the District effective July 1, 2017. Because these towns will continue to be members of the District until then, registered voters in Boxborough and the other withdrawing towns are entitled to vote on September 20, 2016.

However, the District Agreement states that the six withdrawing communities are **not liable** for district debt incurred after December 10, 2015. **As a result, the September 20 vote will have no financial impact on the town of Boxborough.**

## **What are the possible consequences for the town of Boxborough?**

After Boxborough's withdrawal from the District on July 1, 2017, our vocational students may be able to attend Minuteman High School on a non-resident basis. For this reason, Boxborough will continue to have an interest in the safety and quality of the Minuteman High School facility.

Unless the current facility's inadequacies are corrected, the school could lose its accreditation. That would have a negative impact on the vocational education options available to our students.

A **"NO"** vote would not save Boxborough any money, but could prevent the towns that wish to build and pay for a new school from doing so.

A **"YES"** vote would have no financial impact on Boxborough, but could permit the towns that wish to build and pay for a new school the opportunity to do so.