



The Six Town Regional Planning Board invites you to participate in a Focus Group and Survey

The Six Town Regional Planning Board (STRPB), representing the Towns Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, Montague, Northfield, and Warwick, has been exploring the concept of a six-town regional school district. Critical to this exploration are the perceptions and perspectives of the students, parents, school staff, community members, elected officials, and business partners of these communities.

Focus Groups

From mid-November to early December, Mary Broderick, a consultant working with the STRPB, will conduct a series of focus groups, both in person and via ZOOM, to gauge the communities' perspectives on the pros and cons of an expanded region. Community participation will ensure the STRPB makes the best-informed recommendation possible. We urge everyone to participate. Please see the **schedule that follows** and select the date, time, and location that work best for you.

Survey

In addition to focus groups, an anonymous survey, with a **response deadline of December 3**, will be available at this site:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GillMontagueStudy>

Feedback from the focus groups and surveys will be incorporated into a report that will guide the STRPB in identifying the best recommendation to serve the needs of our students and communities. That report is expected by the end of the year.

The STRPB encourages the community to be a part of this important process and looks forward to incorporating the results of your participation into the recommendation of the STRPB.

Please see Focus Group Schedule on next page.

Focus Group Schedule

Town	Stakeholder	Date	Time	Location
BERNARDSTON	General Public	December 7	5:00 pm	Bern. Senior Center 20 Church Street
	General Public		7:00 pm	Bernardston Elem. 37 School Road
GILL	All	December 1	7:00 PM	Gill Town Hall
LEYDEN	All	November 23 (Snow date December 8)	3:00 pm or 6:30 pm	Leyden Town Offices Main Meeting Room
MONTAGUE	Selectboard/Finance Cmte	November 18	6:30	Montague Town Hall 1 Avenue A
	Middle & High School Staff	November 22	2:30 pm	Turner Falls High School Auditorium
	Elementary Staff		3:45 pm	"
	General Public		5:15 pm	"
	School Committee		6:30 pm	ZOOM??
NORTHFIELD	ALL	December 1	5:00 pm	Pioneer Valley RHS 97 F Sumner Turner Drive, Northfield
WARWICK	Parents	December 6	2:00 pm	Warwick Community School 41 Winchester Road
	General Public		6:00 pm	
ALL	Students	November 29	3:00 pm or 6:00 pm	ZOOM
ALL	Teachers/ Support Staff	November 30	4:00 pm or 6:00 pm	ZOOM
ALL	Town Officials/Town Staff	November 29	7:00 pm	ZOOM
ALL	General Public	November 30	7:30 pm	ZOOM

Please contact focus group facilitator Mary Broderick mary-broderick@att.net or 860-608-1763 to receive a ZOOM invitation.