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July 2, 2012

Jonathan E. Mayhew, Chair
Chilmark Board of Selectmen
PO Box 119
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Dear Chair Mayhew:

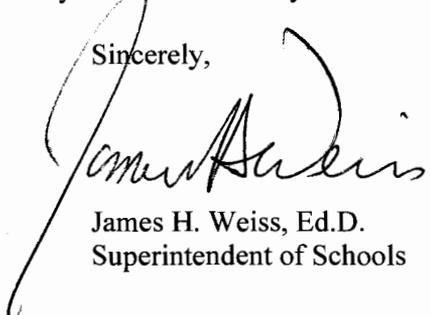
I am writing on behalf of the All-Island School Committee's Negotiations Committee to request that you appoint a representative to work with the Negotiations Committee as we enter into negotiations with our five MTA bargaining units in the fall. This process typically starts with the teachers and then works its way through the other smaller units. It is our hope that each town on the Island can participate in a meaningful way during this entire process. The organizational meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 8:30 AM in the Superintendent's Conference Room in Vineyard Haven.

While your representative can be a Selectman, a Fincom member or just an interested citizen, please remember that the negotiations sessions typically occur during the late afternoon or early evening and the process can drag on for several months. During the last cycle, we had a great deal of difficulty in getting a quorum for our meetings as the individuals selected were very busy people and often were unable to attend.

At this first meeting, we hope that all representatives can be present and that we can discuss the negotiations process and everyone's role in that process. The Mass. General Laws only call for participation by the non-regional towns in this process; however, we would truly like everyone to be at the table in some capacity.

Please call me if you have questions and forward the name and contact information for your representative no later than August 3rd. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James H. Weiss, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Tim Carroll, Executive Secretary
Dan Cabot, UIRSD Representative

