



## ISSUES RELATED TO INDEPENDENT TAXING AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOLS

### Possible Outcomes

- ❖ Would allow for more accountability to taxpayers
- ❖ Can reduce tensions between municipal and education sides of budget
- ❖ Could enhance regionalization efforts since district boundaries and town boundaries would not have to necessarily align

### Questions

- ❖ Logistics of levying and collecting taxes. Will there be two finance directors? Two tax collectors?
- ❖ Logistics of voting on budgets. How would this process be handled?
- ❖ How will this impact towns with charters?
- ❖ Should school officials levying taxes be elected to be held accountable to citizens?
- ❖ How would this impact education aid and equalization efforts?
- ❖ How about non-education aid? Would municipal overburden be included as a factor?
- ❖ What about towns that currently share services between town and board of education? How would budgeting and funding for these shared services be handled?