An AGREEMENT among the following municipalities:

1. City of Fall River
2. Town of Somerset
3. Town of Swansea
4. Town of Westport

or said city and such two or more of said towns
as may accept this agreement with respect to the
formation of a Regional School District.

This AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to
Chapter 697 of the Acts of 1962. In consideration
of the mutual promises herein contained, it is
hereby agreed as follows:

SECTION I   THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(A) Composition

The Regional District School Committee, herein-
after sometimes referred to as the Committee, shall
consist of one member from each member town and
three from the City of Fall River. Members from
the towns, except as provided in subsection I (B),
shall be elected at annual town elections, with the
city members being appointed by the Mayor. All
members shall serve until their respective successors
are elected or appointed and qualified.

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(B) Interim Committee

Within ten days after the establishment of
the regional school district the Mayor of Fall River
shall appoint three members and the Moderator of
each member town shall appoint one member to serve
on the committee, all of whom shall have been members
of the regional school district planning board which
submitted this agreement, if such persons are avail-
able and willing to serve. The members so appointed
by the Mayor of Fall River and the Moderator of
the respective towns shall serve until their
respective successors are elected or appointed
permanent members as provided in subsection I (C).

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(C) Appointed Members

On or before March 15 commencing in 1964 the
Mayor of Fall River shall appoint three members to
the committee, one of whom shall serve for a term
of one year, the second of whom shall serve for a
term of two years, the third of whom shall serve
for a term of three years, and each year thereafter
the Mayor shall appoint one member for a three-
year term.

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(D) Elected Members

At the annual town election in 1964 the towns
of Somerset, Swansea, and Westport shall elect one
member each. Somerset shall elect its member for
a one-year term; Westport shall elect its member
for a two-year term; Swansea shall elect its member
for a three-year term. Thereafter, in every year
in which the term of office of a member expires,
the member town concerned shall at its annual town
election elect one member to serve for a term of
three years. If any one of the foregoing towns does
not become a member town, the provisions of this
paragraph referring to such town shall not be
applicable.

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(E) Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs among the members appointed
under subsection I (C), the Mayor of Fall River shall
appoint within 30 days after receipt of official
notice that a vacancy exists a member to fill the
unexpired term of office. If a vacancy occurs among
the elected members under subsection I (D), the
selectmen and the local school committee members
from the town concerned acting jointly shall appoint
within 30 days after receipt of official notice that
a vacancy exists a member to serve until the next
annual town election, at which annual election a
successor shall be elected to serve for the balance
of the unexpired term.

If a vacancy occurs among the interim members
under subsection I (B), the vacancy shall be filled
in the same manner as an original appointment.

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(F)   Organization

Promptly upon the appointment and qualification of the initial members and annually thereafter, at the first regular meeting in May commencing in 1995, upon the election or appointment and qualification of successors, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from its own membership. At the same meeting or at any other regular meeting the Committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary who may be the same person but who need not be members of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of its officers, (except for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall be elected as provided above), and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place of its regular meetings, and provide for the calling of special meetings.

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(F) Organization

Promptly upon the appointment and qualification
of the initial members and annually thereafter at
the first regular meeting in April commencing in 1964,
upon the election or appointment and qualification of
successors the committee shall organize and choose by
ballot a chairman and vice chairman from its own
membership. At the same meeting or at any other
regular meeting the committee shall appoint a treasurer
and secretary who may be the same person but who need
not be members of the committee, choose such other
officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms
of its officers, (except for the chairman and vice
chairman who shall be elected as provided above), and
prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers,
fix the time and place of its regular meetings, and
provide for the calling of special meetings.

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(G) Powers and Duties

The committee shall have all the powers and
duties conferred and imposed upon it by this
agreement and by Chapter 697 of the Acts of 1962,
and such other additional powers and duties as
are specified in any applicable general or special
law.

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(H) Quorum

       The quorum for the transaction of business
shall be a majority of the committee with no more
than one member community unrepresented at the
meeting, but a number less than the quorum may
adjourn.

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(I) Reports

     The committee shall submit a copy of its annual
report as specified by the state department of voca-
tional education to each of the member municipalities,
containing a detailed financial statement, and a
statement showing the method by which the annual
charges assessed against each member municipality
were computed, together with such additional informa-
tion relating to the operation and maintenance of
the regional school as may be deemed necessary by
the committee or by the selectman of any member town
or by the City Council of Fall River. This report
shall be submitted in sufficient time to be included
in the annual reports of the member municipalities.