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 available 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).
(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.
(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.
(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 97 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 vocational 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 information 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.