



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

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Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

RJ Grey/ Minuteman Tech Education Program

Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee
9/8/2022

Summary of Request

- ❖ AB Administration requesting the school committee vote to withdraw from the JHS Tech Education Program that is run in partnership with Minuteman RVTHS.

Notes:

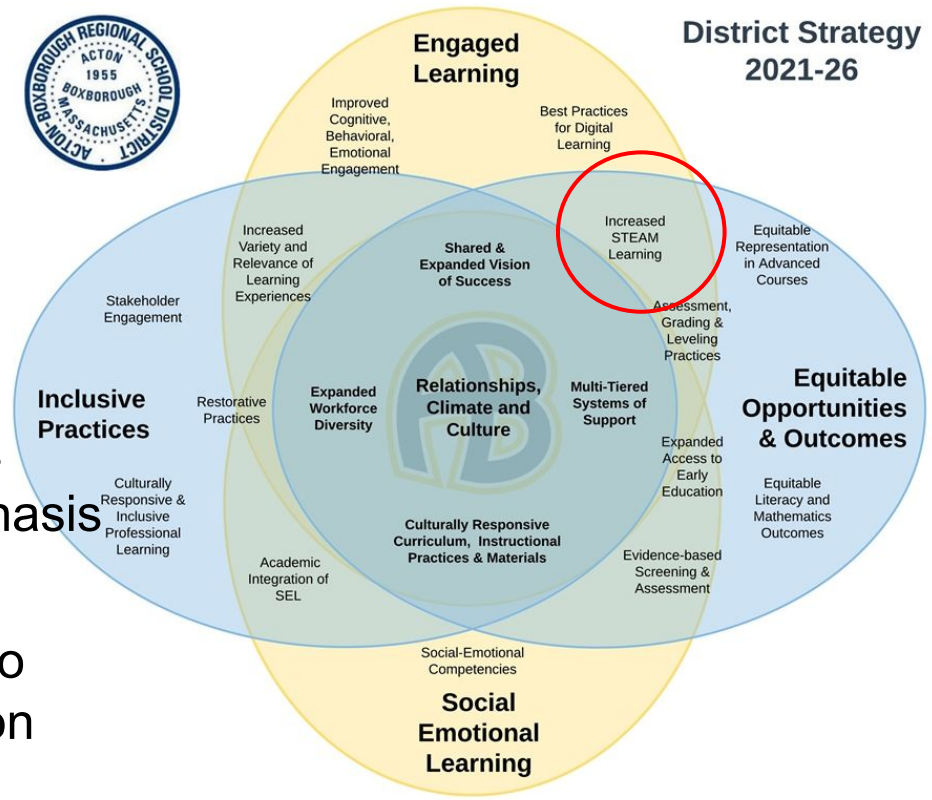
- ❖ AB/Minuteman will continue to enjoy well established positive relationship
- ❖ This request does not impact opportunity for Acton students to attend Minuteman (Boxborough not a member district)

Program History

- ❖ Program established in 1998
- ❖ Provides 2 Full-time teachers
- ❖ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum determined by Minuteman
- ❖ 7th & 8th Grade students attend 1 semester per year
- ❖ Successful program, fantastic teachers!
- ❖ Program administered by Minuteman; costs (personnel and supplies) passed through to ABRSD

AB Curricular Goals

- ❖ AB Long-term strategy to increase STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) learning opportunities PK-12
- ❖ Initial AB STEAM Visioning Process (2018-19) - strong elementary emphasis
- ❖ STEAM Visioning Process (part 2) to build on prior work including focus on JHS/HS Pathway (2022-23)



Considerations for Discussion

Curricular:

- AB can plan and develop curriculum that provides district-wide coherence PK-12
- Launching STEAM visioning process this fall
 - Community & professional partners, college/university partners, families, staff, students, school committee
- Opportunity to develop 7-12 STEAM pathway at AB
- Gradual evolution of current curriculum
- AB will provide staff with PL and planning time
Spring/Summer

Considerations for Discussion

Personnel:

- AB's intention/ plan to retain current faculty
- Advanced discussions with current staff to make this happen
- Opportunity for current staff to provide district leadership in STEAM visioning process

Considerations for Discussion

Financial

- All costs of current program passed from Minuteman to AB
 - Personnel ~\$200K
 - Supplies and Materials ~\$17.5K
 - AB currently supplements Minuteman Supply Budget (~2K)
- Costs to transition to AB
 - Personnel - neutral
 - Supplies and materials - neutral
 - Equipment currently owned by Minuteman (est. ~\$5K)

Considerations for Discussion

Community

- Acton continues to be member district - no change in opportunity for students to attend Minuteman
- Boxborough not a member district - challenging for students to attend Minuteman
- AB will continue to partner with Minuteman to provide all 8th grade students with multiple opportunities to learn about Minuteman (field trips/ presentations)

Considerations for Discussion

Timing:

- Agreement with Minuteman governs process by which AB needs to make decision
- Would require SC vote to withdraw by Oct. 1
- Notification to Minuteman Oct. 15
- Withdrawal effective June 30 of the fiscal year
- Administration requesting SC vote to withdraw from JHS program at your 9/22/2022 meeting

Questions and Discussion