

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Designee

Date: February 12, 2019

Dept: Student Services

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: ~~no~~

Recommendation:

Approval of Amego (Private Special Education School)

I recommend the appointment of Paula Marano, Interim Director of Student Services, as the Committee's designee to review Amego's application and bring a recommendation to the School Committee.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
A. Bergen: Y / N	D. Schultz: Y / N
C. Douglas: Y / N	MJ Scofield: Y / N
D. Feeley: Y / N	G. Zub: Y / N
M. Linden: Y / N	Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee
From: Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools
Date: February 6, 2019
Re: Approval of Special Education Private School

The School Committee has received a request for approval from Amego, Inc., a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved private special education day school, currently located in Attleboro, Massachusetts. We have had Franklin students attend there historically on a tuition basis. Amego has communicated its intent to move to 122 Grove Street in Franklin.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law and School Committee Policy LB (included), the School Committee has the statutory authority to approve a new private school within its jurisdiction. According to policy LB:

“In the event that the private school is a private special education school, the School Committee may designate a school representative, preferably a special educator, to participate in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education site visit review of the private school program and grant or deny local approval to the school based on the information obtained from the joint site visit.”

A site visit by DESE is expected to occur later this school year (actual date TBD at this time) so that the school may open on or around May 1, 2019.

I recommend that the Franklin School Committee designate Ms. Paula Marano, Interim Director of Student Services, as its designee to participate in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education site visit review of the private school program.

As your designee, Ms. Marano will make a recommendation regarding a vote for approval to the Franklin School Committee later this spring.