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Commissioner

April 28, 2023

Ms. Pamela Girouard, Executive Director  
LABBB Collaborative  
123 Cambridge Street  
Burlington, MA 01803

Re: LABBB Collaborative - Amended Articles of Agreement

Dear Ms. Girouard:

The LABBB Collaborative Board of Directors submitted a request to amend their Collaborative Agreement (Agreement) in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 4E and corresponding regulations 603 CMR 50.00.

The proposed amendment was reviewed in its entirety by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department), and it was found to be consistent with Department guidelines, the education collaborative statute, and regulations.

On behalf of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the Agreement, as amended. Effective July 1, 2023, this Agreement will replace the April 2015 Agreement. The amendment updates language throughout the document for consistency with the recently revised statute and regulations. The changes include but are not limited to member rights and responsibilities and clarifies the allowable uses of surplus funds.

The membership of the LABBB Collaborative will consist of the following member school committees: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, Lexington, and Watertown.

Please distribute this Agreement to the LABBB Board of Directors and ask that they share the document with their appointing school committees. As a reminder, M.G.L. c. 40, § 4E, and 603 CMR 50.00 require that members of collaborative boards of directors provide information and updates on the activities of the collaborative to the member's appointing school committee or charter school board at an open meeting, at least on a quarterly basis.

Should you have any questions, please email the education collaborative team, at [educationcollaborativeteam@mass.gov](mailto:educationcollaborativeteam@mass.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Riley".

Jeffrey C. Riley  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education