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ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #2 - FY2012

9/12/11

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Staff, adult learners and volunteers
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** State representatives
4. **TIME LINE:** Immediate

IMMEDIATE CALLS TO STATE REPS TO ASK THEM TO SUPPORT \$5 MILLION FOR ABE IN FY 2011 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

- On August 25, Governor Patrick filed a supplemental budget for FY2011, which included an additional \$5 million for ABE line item #7035-0002. This funding would be in addition to the \$27.7 million appropriated for ABE in FY2011.
- Although the funds are for an FY2011 supplemental budget appropriation, the funds are to be spent during this fiscal year.
- The budget is non-binding and gives the legislature and the public an indication of the Governor's supplemental budget spending priorities. The budget has been given the number House Bill 3695 (H.3695).
- H.3695 has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means for review. The bill is expected to be acted on by the House in mid to late September.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

- Please call your state representative. It will take less than 5 minutes to make a call. If everyone makes their calls, we could generate thousands

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 2011

10 a.m. to 12 noon

World Education 44
Farnsworth Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02120

via videoconference:

Holyoke Community College
contact gkohout@hcc.edu
for exact room location

Bristol Community College
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for exact room location

of calls and have a real impact.

- Speak with an aide if you cannot speak with the representative directly, and ask for the aide's name for future reference.

SCRIPT TO USE

1. Give your name.

2. Say you live in the representative's district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.

3. Urge the representative to contact the House Ways and Means Committee in support of the \$5 million included in the FY 2011 supplemental budget (H. 3695) for adult basic education.

4. If you have time, say why adult basic education is especially important now:

- People without jobs need ABE services even more now so they can be ready for jobs that emerge as the economy recovers.

- Unemployed adults who need ABE services are eager and ready to learn and have the time now, especially while they are not working.

- Helping adults to improve their basic skills rapidly will help them, individual businesses and the state's economy increase productivity.

5. If you are a student, say how adult education is helping you to achieve your goals.

6. Thank the representative or aide for his/her time.

7. Report back so we know who supports this request and where we must do follow-up!

REPORT BACK

1. Please report back to your Program Point Person. If you don't know who your Program Point Person is or you don't have one, please report back to Jennifer McAllister at MCAE. (jmcallister@mcae.net)

2. Report the following information to your Program Point Person:

- Whom you called and his/her response.

- Rate the response using this scale:

0 = unknown; left a message;

1 = made a definitive commitment to support specific request;

2 = favorable toward request, but no definitive commitment;

3 = neutral toward request;

4 = opposed or negative to the request; definitely will not support it.

QUESTIONS:

- For questions on this alert, contact Jennifer McAllister at jmcallister@mcae.net or 617-482-MCAE (6223), Roberta Soolman at litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313, or Steve Reuys at steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071.

THANK YOU!

- As always, thank you for taking the time to make these very important calls. The funds from this supplemental budget appropriation can have a significant impact on services to your community.

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