



ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #7- FY2013

April 29, 2013

ALERT SUMMARY:

- 1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)**
- 2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers**
- 3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: State senators**
- 4. TIME LINE: Immediate, especially to state senators who are finalizing their FY2014 budget now.**

IMMEDIATE CALLS TO STATE SENATORS

- On Monday April 22, 2013, the state House of Representatives adopted a consolidated education budget amendment that increased funding for the ABE line item 7035-0002 by \$1 million, from \$29,156,340 to \$30,174,160.

- This is the same as the current FY13 ABE funding level.

- The next step in the budget process is for the Senate Ways and Means Committee to prepare and release its proposed FY2014 budget in May.

- **All advocates are communicating their updated budget requests to the Senate now, and we must also do so or risk not being heard.**

- **Since the legislature has agreed to less new revenue than the Governor proposed in his FY2014 budget, MCAE has revised its FY2014 budget request for ABE from \$35 million to \$32 million.**

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

- Please call your state senator now and ask him/her to support \$32 million for the ABE line item 7035-0002. It will take less than 5 minutes to make a call. If everyone makes their calls, we could generate thousands of calls and have a real impact.

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

SCRIPT TO USE

1. Give your name.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2013

10 a.m. to 12 noon
UMass/Boston
World Education
44 Farnsworth Street
7th floor
Boston, MA
contact
jmcallister@mcae.net

via videoconference:
Picknelly Education Center,
Holyoke, MA
contact
kdunkelberg@hcc.edu
for exact room location

Bristol Community College
contact
annemarie.espindola@bcc.edu
for exact room location

2. Say you live in the senator's district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.
3. **Urge the senator to support an allocation of \$32 million for ABE line item #7035-0002 in the FY2014 budget. This is an increase of \$1.8 million in funding over FY2013.**
4. If you are a student, say how adult basic education is helping you to achieve your goals.
5. Thank the senator or aide for his/her time, especially if you are told that the senator will support increased funding for ABE in the FY2014 budget.
6. 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 do not 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 important information to your program point person:

- The senator you called and his/her response.
- Rate the response from your call using this scale:

0 = unknown; left a message;

1 = made a definitive commitment to support the specific request (not just ABE in general);

2 = favorable toward request, but no definite commitment;

3 = neutral toward your request;

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

MORE INFORMATION

- If you do not know who your state representative or senator is, either call the State House switchboard (617-722-2000) or go to www.wheredoivotema.com
- For questions on this alert contact:
Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313)
Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071)
Jennifer McAllister (jmcallister@mcae.net or 508-208-0130)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE THESE IMPORTANT CALLS!

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