



ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #8 - FY2012

March 26, 2012

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** Federal (not state)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Program Point People
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** Senator Brown and Senator Kerry
4. **TIME LINE:** **Immediate, deadline is 12 noon on Wednesday, March 28**

IMMEDIATE CALLS TO SENATORS BROWN AND KERRY TO SIGN ON TO SENATOR WEBB'S "DEAR COLLEAGUE" LETTER FOR ABE FUNDING IN FY2013 BUDGET:

- As in the House, Senators have been asked to submit their funding priorities for FY 2013 to the Chair of the Labor-Health-Human Services-Education Appropriations Subcommittee.
- **Senator Jim Webb (D-VA)** wants to make sure that adult basic education is a priority for every Senator. He is sponsoring a "Dear Colleague" letter that all Senators can sign, making it easier for them to prioritize adult basic education funding for FY2013.
- Since the letter does not have a Republican co-sponsor, it will be especially important for us to urge Senator Brown to sign on.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13, 2012

10 a.m. to 12 noon
UMass/Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd Healey
Library
Media Conference Room
Lower Level

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

IMMEDIATE CALLS:

1. **Call Senator Brown and Senator Kerry.** Ask for the staff person who handles education issues.

- Senator Brown: 202-224-4543
- Senator Kerry: 202-224-2742

2. **Give your name and say you are a constituent.** If you are a registered voter, say that you are -- it carries more weight.
3. **Urge the Senators to please sign on to Senator Webb's "Dear Colleague" letter in support of adult basic education funding for FY2013.**
4. **Offer to send the staff person a [copy of the letter](#)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- A **Blumenthal-Snowe "Dear Colleague" letter** is also circulating on Workforce Investment Act programs. While it is primarily focused on Title I (workforce programs), it does mention level funding for adult education.
- If the staff person says that Senator Brown/Senator Kerry signed the Blumenthal-Snowe letter, please thank him and still ask if the Senator can also sign Senator Webb's letter.
- For whatever reason, some Senators may not be able to sign on. If they cannot sign, let the staffer know you hope Senator Brown/Senator Kerry will be able to show support for funding adult education in other ways during the FY2013 budget and appropriations process.

REPORT BACK:

1. **Please report back** to Jennifer McAllister (jmcallister@mcae.net or 617-482-6223).
2. **Rate the response** you received using the following scale:

0= unknown; left a message
1 = made a definitive commitment and will sign on to the letter
2 = favorable toward the request, but no definite commitment
3 = neutral toward the request
4 = opposed or negative toward the request and definitely will not sign on

MORE INFORMATION:

- 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), or Jennifer McAllister (jmcallister@mcae.net or 508-208-0130).

THANK YOU!

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