



# ALERT

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**Alert #1 - FY2010**

**October 6, 2009**

## ALERT SUMMARY:

- 1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)**
- 2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: None; for information only**

## GOVERNOR'S 9C BUDGET CUTS

- Governor Patrick is required by the Commonwealth's Constitution to keep the state budget in balance. The state cannot operate at a deficit.
- On **October 15**, the state's latest revenue figures will be announced. These figures will indicate whether the revenue from taxes (e.g., income tax, sales tax and other taxes) is more or less than what is needed to keep the budget balanced during fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010).
- According to information obtained **this afternoon** from Governor Patrick's office, if revenue is less than what is needed to keep the budget balanced, it is anticipated that the Administration will announce specific budget cuts from specific line items **either during the week of October 19 or during the week of October 26**.
- Please note that this time line is **subject to change**, but represents the latest information received today from Governor Patrick's office.
- MCAE will monitor this situation and keep you informed through **MCAE Alerts**.

## QUESTIONS:

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

## NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**October 16, 2009**

10 a.m. to 12 noon  
**World Education**  
44 Farnsworth St., 7th floor  
Boston, MA

via videoconference:  
**Holyoke Community College**  
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