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ALERT SUMMARY:

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

GOVERNOR CUTS \$1 MILLION FROM FY 2009 ABE LINE ITEM

- Late yesterday, Governor Patrick announced \$1 billion in cuts to the state budget due to a decline in state revenue and a world-wide economic slowdown that is having an impact on the state's economy.

- As a result, \$1 million has been cut from the ABE budget line item #7035-0002 for fiscal year 2009. This \$1 million is essentially the increase that we received under the FY2009 budget.

- The MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/ACLS is currently reviewing the impact this cut will have on instructional programs, if any.

- MCAE had previously submitted a letter to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance on behalf of ABE. Given the difficult decisions the Administration had to make, the ABE cut was not as severe as it could have been which is due, in part, to your advocacy during the year on the importance of ABE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BUDGET CUTS

- Go to <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=mg2homepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=massgov2> for a press release, transcript and video of the Governor's press conference explaining the budget cuts.