

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW: State (not federal)**

2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: None; this alert is for information only**

GOVERNOR CUTS \$181,500 FROM FY 2009 ABE LINE ITEM UNDER 9C CUTS:

- On January 28, Governor Patrick announced a second round of 9C cuts to the state budget due to a further decline in state revenue and a world-wide economic slowdown that is having an impact on the state's economy.

- As a result, \$181,500 has been cut from the ABE budget line item #7035-0002 for fiscal year 2009.

- The 9C cuts are completely separate from the Governor's recommendation for ABE in House 1, the Governor's proposed, non-binding budget for fiscal year 2010. Refer to Alert #06-09 sent on January 30 for more information on the Governor's FY2010 budget.

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

- Given the difficult decisions the Administration had to make and the fact that this latest cut was the second round of 9C budget reductions, the ABE cut was not as severe as it could have been which is due, in large measure, to your advocacy during the year on the importance of ABE. Thank you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BUDGET CUTS:

- Go to www.mass.gov and click on: "The current fiscal year [budget summary](#) and a series of [legislative provisions](#) that will be used to help stabilize the Commonwealth" under Governor Patrick's FY2010 Budget Message.

- Go to <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=mg2subtopic&L=4&L0=Home&L1=State+Government&L2=About+State+Gove> for more information about the entire state budget process.