

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **MOBILIZATION:** None with this alert; action alert to follow

GOVERNOR PATRICK LEVEL FUNDS ABE IN PROPOSED FY09 BUDGET

- This afternoon, Governor Patrick released the administration's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009 (7/1/08 - 6/30/09). The budget is non-binding and gives the legislature and the public an indication of the Governor's spending priorities.

- **The Governor's budget funds Adult Basic Education for \$30.1 million in line item #7035-0002 under the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the administration's proposed name change for the MA Department of Education.**

- \$30.1 million is level funded with the current FY08 budget.

- To view the Governor's budget and announcement, go to:
http://mass.gov/bb/h1/fy2009h1/dnld2_09/hdefault.htm.

ACTION ALERT TO FOLLOW

- Please watch your email for a follow-up action alert either later this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

QUESTIONS:

- Contact Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com) or Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umass.edu).

- For more information on the state budget process, go to <http://www.mcae.net>, click on Legislative Alerts, 2005 Announcements, Announcement #1 (Budget Background Information).