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**GOVERNOR TAPS BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF  
COMMONWEALTH RESIDENTS FOR READINESS  
PROJECT**

*More than 150 Volunteers to Serve on Subcommittees*

BOSTON — Friday, September 14, 2007— Drawing on a wealth of talent, experience and practical expertise across all aspects of education, Governor Patrick today released the names of the more than 150 Massachusetts citizens appointed to subcommittees of the Readiness Project Leadership Council.

These volunteers will address the following issues from a systemic perspective, offering specific recommendations for state action: Assessment & Accountability, Curriculum Alignment, Early Education and Care, Education Technology, Expanded Teaching and Learning Time, High School Plus, Innovative Schools, Long-Term Funding, MCAS and Assessments, Public and Private Education, Recruiting and Retaining Educators, Whole Child and UMass and Public Higher Education.

“The educators, business representatives and practitioners who have agreed to serve on these subcommittees will help bring to life the vision for a world-class, comprehensive public education system that educates and nurtures every child to the highest levels of achievement,” said Governor Patrick. “I applaud their commitment to the Commonwealth and am delighted to have them on the team.”

Working in partnership with the Readiness Project Leadership Council that was named last month, subcommittee members have been tasked with putting their practical, on-the-ground experience implementing education programs and services to work. The subcommittees will identify specific state actions, offer cost projections and benchmarks to help carry the Commonwealth forward in education over the next decade. The Project’s Leadership Council will synthesize the work of the subcommittees and offer a draft comprehensive 10-year strategic plan that will be submitted to the Governor.

“The Governor has challenged all of us to think long-term and he has effectively given the Commonwealth permission to collectively evaluate the fundamental assumptions upon which our education system is built,” said Dana Mohler-Faria, the Governor’s Special Advisor on Education and President of Bridgewater State College. “This is a bold move by a bold leader who recognizes that continuous improvement in education – even from a position of relative strength – is fundamental.”

The subcommittee members reside in more than 75 Commonwealth communities from Rockport and North Adams to Brewster and Ayer. In addition to the substantive work required for the Project to succeed, subcommittee members have agreed to join the Governor at a series of town hall-style meetings between now and the conclusion of the Project in late spring.

"I am sure I speak for many when I say that I am honored to be part of this initiative," said Michael Flynn, a teacher at the William E. Norris Elementary School in Southampton, and the recipient of the 2008 Massachusetts Teacher Award. "We are looking forward to the work, to reaching out to residents throughout the state, and to putting the Commonwealth, its cities and towns, and most importantly its students, on a path to a productive and rewarding future."

The Governor appointed Flynn to replace Paul Reville on the Leadership Council. Reville, recently appointed the Chair of the Board of Education, stepped down from the Leadership Council but will serve on the Subcommittee on MCAS and Assessments.

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## **The Commonwealth Readiness Project**

### **Chairs**

Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Co-Chair  
President Wheelock College

Tom Payzant, Co-Chair  
Former Superintendent of the Boston and Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Joe Tucci, Co-Chair  
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### **Leadership Council**

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Michael B. Flynn, Teacher, South Hampton Public Schools and Recipient of the  
2008 Massachusetts Teacher Award

Chris Gabrieli, Founder Mass2020

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Clare Higgins, Mayor, Northampton Massachusetts

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Schools

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Harry Spence

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### **Subcommittees**

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSISTANCE**

Co-Chair, Paul S. Grogan, President and CEO, The Boston Foundation (Jamaica Plain)

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Linda Noonan, Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education  
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Bill Kendall, Director of Mathematics and Technology, Braintree Public Schools (South Weymouth)  
Janice Lisi, Second Grade Teacher, Lynn Public Schools (Lynnfield)  
Elisa Lopez-Dobski, Interim Executive Director, Latino Education Institute at Worcester State College (Worcester)  
Marinel McGrath, Superintendent, Hamilton-Wenham (Newburyport)  
Kia Martin, Doctoral student, Harvard School of Education (Newton)  
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Steve Winter, Senior Project Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Cambridge

### **EARLY EDUCATION & CARE**

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Margaret Angell, Special Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Boston Public Schools (Boston)  
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JD Chesloff, Policy Director, MA Business Roundtable (Arlington)  
Marie Enochty, Coordinator, Cape and Islands Early Childhood Resource Center (Brewster)  
Karen Fredrick, President, Massachusetts Association for Early Education and Care (Dracut)  
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Sister Kathleen, Harrington, Director, John E. Boyd Child Care & Development, New Bedford  
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Wendy Luk, Child Trainer (Chestnut Hill)  
Marta Rosa, Director, Government Affairs/ Interim Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Learning, Wheelock College (Revere)  
Ada Rosmarin, Director, Milton Early Childhood Alliance (Milton)  
Peg Sprague, Vice President, United Way, Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley (Boston)

Valora Washington, Executive Director, The Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education  
Ardith Wieworka, Executive VP, Child Development & Education (Roxbury)  
Wayne Ysaguirre, Acting President and CEO, Associated Early Care & Education (Roxbury)

### **EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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