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## Commissioner's Update

August 7, 2007

Dear Superintendents, and Leaders of Charter Schools and Collaboratives:

In this Update I have two announcements and one item for your review.

### Important Reminders About 2007 MCAS Results

The MCAS discrepancy-reporting period for the results of the spring 2007 MCAS tests is scheduled for August 20 through August 31. It is extremely important that principals or their designees be available to review results during this time period. Discrepancies reported outside of this window will not be corrected in time for the official release of school and district MCAS and AYP reports.

The Department plans to host a series of MCAS reporting conference calls on August 20, 21, and 27 to answer questions about the spring 2007 MCAS preliminary results and to provide information on the discrepancy reporting tool. Registration begins on August 6, through the MCAS Service Center Web site ([mcasservicecenter.doe.mass.edu](http://mcasservicecenter.doe.mass.edu)). You will need your 2007 MCAS password to register.

### Register Now for 2007 STEM Summit

The **2007 STEM SUMMIT IV: Accelerating Forward** on October 17 is fast approaching. Educators, both PK-12 and higher education, community and business leaders, and state and local-level policymakers are invited to attend. The combined efforts of all stakeholders will accelerate successful student preparation for careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Massachusetts.

To register, go to: <http://www.massachusetts.edu/stem/index.html>. The Summit will be held at the Host Hotel in Sturbridge. Please forward this message to your science, technology, engineering and mathematics faculty members and department heads.

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Items Posted at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu):

1. [Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program](#)

Sincerely,

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## Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program

To: Superintendents, Principals

From: David P. Driscoll, Commissioner of Education

Date: August 2, 2007

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program provides opportunities for overseas experience. The program is open to educators and administrators with responsibilities for curriculum development in fields related to humanities, languages, and area studies. Topics and host countries of the seminars vary from year to year. All seminars are in non-western European countries. Seminars are designed to provide a broad and introductory cultural orientation to a particular country/countries. The program is geared towards those educators with little or no experience in the host country/countries who demonstrate the need to develop and enhance their curriculum through short-term study and travel abroad. There are ten seminars being offered for 2007 with 16 positions per seminar, subject to the availability of funds. Seminars take place from late June to mid-August for four to six weeks.

The application deadline is September 13, 2007. Country seminars to be offered in 2008 include:

1. For elementary and secondary level educators and administrators: India (Math & Science only), India & Sri Lanka, and Mexico & Peru.
2. For secondary and postsecondary educators and administrators: Bulgaria & Greece, Korea, Morocco, and South Africa.

Further information about the program, including application materials, is available at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsap/index.htm>.

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