FY2009 Additional Metco Grant Funding Now Available

As most of you know, the FY09 state budget included a $1 million increase in funding for the Metco program. This additional funding will be used to increase the grants received by participating districts, as follows:

- The per pupil allotment for all participating districts will be increased by $200 to $4,200.
- Approximately $100,000 will be made available for districts wishing to expand their program or adjust for SIMS reporting errors affecting their headcount and instructional grant allotment.
- Approximately $250,000 will be made available for supplemental transportation allotments, for those districts whose transportation costs exceed their current allotments.

Districts wishing to apply for additional transportation funding, to expand their program, and/or to adjust for SIMS reporting errors must send an email to my attention at hcabral@doe.mass.edu with the following information:

- Districts seeking additional transportation funding must include an itemization of their estimated Metco transportation costs for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Districts seeking to expand their enrollment should include the number of pupils by which they would like to increase their program.
- Districts seeking to correct SIMS headcount errors should submit the first and last name and date of birth of the pupil, or pupils, who were improperly coded on the October 1, 2007 SIMS report.

The deadline for submission is Monday, September 15, 2008.

After the supplemental funds have been allotted, we will provide all districts with formal notification of their amended grant amounts and instructions on filing the increase amendment needed to obtain the funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Hadley Cabral or Jeff Wulfson.