



Building A Presence for Science in Massachusetts

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MassBaP FAQ'S

WHAT DOES MASSBAP DO? Supported by the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Education and Teaching Excellence at Framingham State College, MassBaP works with state partners and national agencies to send current science education news electronically to MA science educators. Each week MassBaP educators receive an e-mail highlighting current K-12 grants, classroom resources and student programs; Professional Development opportunities; and Science Education News summaries. These updates are e-mailed to the 100 MassBaP Key Leaders (each Key Leader has up to 16 teachers called Points of Contact that he/she will forward the message to). It is MassBaP's goal to have at least one Point of Contact in every school (public and private) in the state. All we ask the building Point of Contact to do is share the news with teachers of science in their building.

WHY SHOULD I BE INVOLVED? Because "*Good Science Matters*". Most teachers are isolated in their classrooms and barely have time to read a newspaper. Becoming a MassBaP Key Leader or Point of Contact opens the door to the classroom and supplies teachers of science with updated science news and opportunities. The only requirement is to have a working e-mail address. If you are a museum, school, college, professional development provider, state agency, etc., become a MassBaP State Partner, this is your way of getting your news out to teachers.

IS THERE A FEE? TIME COMMITMENT? NO! NSTA provides the electronic system for BaP and the Christa McAuliffe Center funds the dissemination of the weekly updates. The state coordinator takes care of enrolling new Key Leaders/Points of Contact and State Partners. Once you are registered it is just a matter of getting science news e-mailed to you.

HOW DO I JOIN? Simply go to the NSTA BaP website at: <http://nsta.org/sciencematters> -- click on the link in the bottom right hand corner and follow instructions. Registering is quick and easy or e-mail the MA coordinator: good783@comcast.net and I will be happy to register for you.

It is important to get the MassBaP electronic network information out to as many science educators as possible. Please forward this to all science educators on your listserv and make copies for your science agency/group meetings then be sure to send me their name, school, and email address to enter into the NSTA Science Matters BaP database. I am available online for more information and will travel to your meetings to speak to your members/faculty if you wish. If you have questions or I can be of any help, please contact me at: good783@comcast.net. The sooner you register, the sooner you'll receive the MassBaP weekly updates.

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