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**Join us for the
Statewide Hunger Summit on
March 27, 2008,
from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at UMass Boston!**

February 28, 2008

Many individuals and families in Massachusetts do not have enough to eat, every day. According to Project Bread's 2007 *Status Report on Hunger in Massachusetts*, hunger and food insecurity in the Commonwealth have increased by 22 percent over the last reporting period. Children living in poor and low-income families are disproportionately affected and thousands of children go to school hungry each day.

Hunger is not a new issue in our state, and it will take the combined efforts of every sector – city, state, and federal; corporate, foundation and nonprofit; hospitals, universities, and faith-based organizations, to increase access to food and nutrition resources for our citizens who need it most.

In order to develop comprehensive, collaborative approaches to reducing hunger, I hope you will join us for our Statewide Hunger Summit.

This all-day event will feature insightful remarks from Governor Deval Patrick and U.S. Congressman James McGovern, who has spearheaded national and statewide efforts to reduce hunger. It will also include a panel discussion featuring food and nutrition experts from across the Commonwealth and the nation and your participation in working groups to address topics including Nutrition and Programs, Access and Technology, Advocacy, and Marketing. The agenda for the day accompanies this letter.

Help us to identify best practices and recommendations to reduce hunger in Massachusetts by attending the Summit at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, on March 27, 2008. Together, we can take the first step to comprehensively address hunger and make sure that no one in the Commonwealth has to go hungry.

Please RSVP by completing the attached registration form and emailing it to hunger.summit@state.ma.us, faxing it to 617-348-8592, or calling 617-348-5555 by March 18, 2008. I look forward to seeing you on March 27!

Sincerely,

JudyAnn Bigby, M.D.
Secretary
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Statewide Hunger Summit
University of Massachusetts, Boston
March 27, 2008
Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome
Secretary Judy Ann Bigby, M.D.
- 10:10 a.m. Keynote Address
Governor Deval L. Patrick
- 10:25 a.m. Keynote Address
U.S. Representative James McGovern
- 10:40 a.m. Break
- 10:50 a.m. Panel discussion
Facilitated by Commissioner Julia E. Kehoe
- 11:50 a.m. Break
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:50 p.m. Breakout sessions:
- Nutrition and Programs
 - Access and Technology
 - Advocacy
 - Marketing
- 2:20 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Wrap-up
- 2:50 p.m. Closing remarks
Commissioner Julia E. Kehoe



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Directions to the UMass Boston Campus Center

Public Transportation

- **Subway:** Take the Red Line to JFK/UMass Station. A free shuttle bus will carry you to the campus.
- **Commuter Rail:** Take the commuter rail to the JFK/UMass station from the South Shore on the Middleboro and Plymouth lines.
- **Bus:**
 - Kenmore Square stop (service all day): the Number 8 bus; the last one leaves campus at 1 a.m.
 - Forest Hills stop (rush hour only): the Number 16.

By car from the north

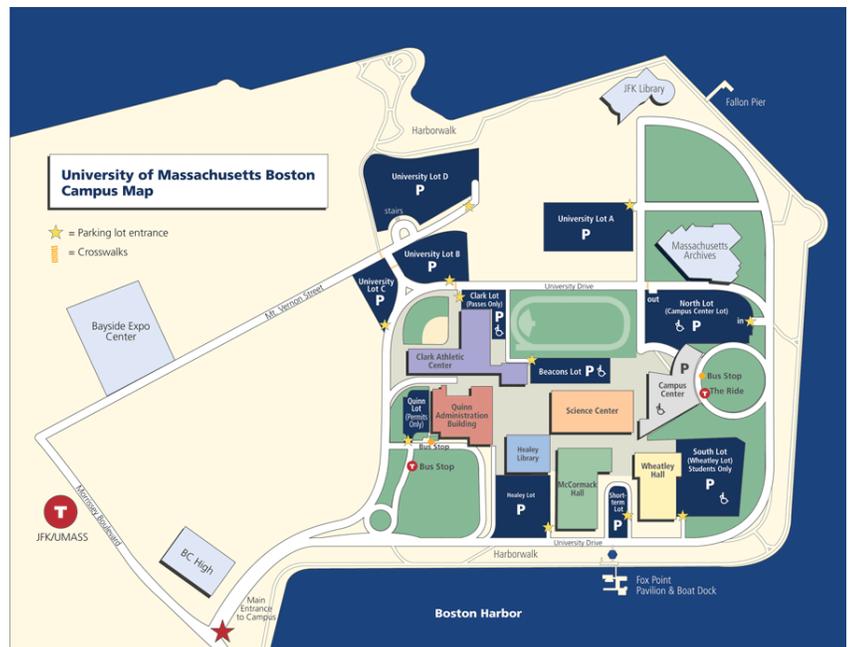
Take Interstate 93 South through Boston to exit 15 (JFK Library/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow the University of Massachusetts signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Boulevard to the campus.

By car from the south

Take Interstate 93 North to exit 14 (JFK Library/Morrissey Boulevard) and follow Morrissey Boulevard north to the campus.

By car from the west

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) east to Interstate 93. Take I-93 South one mile to exit 15 (JFK Library/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow the University of Massachusetts signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Boulevard to the campus.



All visitors to the Campus Center are encouraged to park in the North Lot. Pickup/dropoff is allowed at the Main entrance on the circular road in front of the building.

Parking fees

\$6 per single use. Short-term parking - less than 60 minutes - is available in the McCormack Lot at reduced rates - see map for location of this lot.

For more information, please visit <http://www.umb.edu/campuscenter/directions.htm>.