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GOVERNOR PATRICK JOINS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION INVESTMENTS THAT WILL CREATE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH
BOSTON - Tuesday, March 12, 2013 -- Governor Deval Patrick today joined hundreds of teachers, parents, small business owners and others gathered at the State House this morning to urge support from legislators for the Governor’s investment proposal. The Governor thanked attendees for making their voices heard about the type of Commonwealth they want to live in, and emphasized the importance of investing now in transportation and education to unlock opportunity for residents in the near term and for future generations.

"Our best strategy to grow opportunity is to invest in education, innovation and infrastructure," said Governor Patrick, who joined the rally of taxpayers from around the Commonwealth who support making investments in our local communities. "Are we satisfied with the pace of recovery, or are we willing to make the tough choices and real investments it takes today to do better for the next generation? Almost all of us agree that the single best way to do that is by investing in education and transportation -- and that requires new revenue."

The Governor’s FY14 budget includes a $1 billion annual investment in the Commonwealth’s transportation system to maintain the current transportation assets we have today and launch a number of high-impact transportation projects across Massachusetts that, if built, will create thousands of jobs and spur economic development across the Commonwealth. The plan also includes a $550 million investment in education, reaching $1 billion over four years, to provide universal access to high quality early education for children across the state, from birth through age five; fully fund K-12 education and allow for extended school days in high-need schools; make college more affordable and accessible for high school graduates; and allow our community colleges to expand their efforts to provide students with the knowledge and skill training needed to succeed in the workplace.

Today’s rally was organized by Campaign for our Communities, a coalition of over 120 organizations across the Commonwealth, representing thousands of citizens.
Governor Joins Rally for Transportation, Education

Campaign for our Communities has hosted similar rallies this year in Lynn, New Bedford, Worcester and Brockton, in support of additional revenue to make critical investments across the Commonwealth that will spur growth and opportunity.

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