

AMSTI Advocacy Ideas

- Communications should be in writing. Hand written letters and personal phone calls carry the most influence.
- A list of legislators, both House and Senate, can be located on-line at:

House Representatives:

http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/representatives/houseroster_district.html

House Education Committee members:

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/housecommittees/housecommittees.html#anchor862647>

House Education Finance and Appropriations

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/housecommittees/housecommittees.html#anchor595530>

Senate:

http://www.legislature.state.al.us/senate/senators/senateroster_district.html

Senate Education Committee members:

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/senate/senatecommittees/senatecommittees.html#anchor539453>

- A list of points is provided from which writers may select in preparing their letters. The points should be relevant to the person being written.
- Letters to the editor should be sent targeting the audience covered by the paper. Use names of local legislators in the article.
- AEA must be written by teachers from local systems using AMSTI. AEA typically prints letters to the editor in their journal. Having AEA teachers in other regions where AMSTI is not available write and say they want AEA to work to bring AMSTI to their region would be beneficial. Have local association officers write letters is also important.
- The Governor should be targeted by the Alabama Business Council, AMSTEC, NSSTC, NASA, and other such groups, as well as local teachers both in and out of AMSTI regions.

Governor Bob Riley

Governor's Office Mailing Address

State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Governor's Office Telephone Numbers

Switchboard: 334-242-7100
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Dear Governor Riley:

The following list contains comments commonly made about AMSTI. You may want to include a few of these points in your letters.

AMSTI is a wonderful/tremendous/ exciting/great/ highly beneficial program:

- It helps teachers teach the way that they know students learn best-by doing math and science.
- Recognized/strongly supported by business and industry
- Provides teachers the training and equipment they need to be successful with their students
- Well liked by teachers and students

AMSTI has proven its success:

- Student test scores jump/rise dramatically in AMSTI schools (science, math, reading, writing)
- Evaluation results show AMSTI is highly successful in raising test scores in science, math, reading and writing
- Percentage of students passing the Alabama High School Graduation Exam increased in AMSTI Schools.

AMSTI provides:

- High quality professional development/training for teachers
- All of the equipment and materials that students need to learn math and science by doing math and science.
- On site support/mentoring to help the teachers become comfortable and skilled with the new methods of teaching

AMSTI must be funded:

- To keep the program operational in (north) (south) Alabama and in (school/system name)
- To bring program to (your area). Currently found only in north and south Alabama
- To provide equity to students in Alabama
- To bring business and industry to Alabama
- To help students be successful in the workforce
- To prepare students for the future
- To keep our students competitive

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- Funding for all students was promised during the campaign
- In the publication/book *Laying the Foundation for Greatness*, Governor Riley said, "We will invest directly into the classroom by fully funding this program (AMSTI), which has a proven track record of success in improving math and science skills for our students" (July, 2003).

Alabama Education Association

Members only –Officers best

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<http://www.myaea.org/uploadFiles/aa404hqdirectory.pdf>

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AEA's role:

- To help improve education in Alabama
- To help make available programs that are beneficial to teachers and students

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- To keep the program operational in (north) (south) Alabama and in (school/system name)
- Must bring this successful program to our area. Currently found only in north and south Alabama. Our teachers and students also deserve the benefits of AMSTI.
- To bring program to _____.
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The following reference may be useful with Republican (only) legislators.

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