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Students to begin Saturday Study Sessions for AP courses through program from Mass Insight Education

BOSTON — Sept. 22 — Thousands of Massachusetts students taking Advanced Placement courses will begin Saturday Study Sessions to enhance their studies and improve their college readiness. The Saturday program is administered by Mass Insight Education (MIE), a Boston nonprofit dedicated to improving public school performance and closing the achievement gap

The first Saturday Study Session will be held Sept. 30 at John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. Some 10,000 students will attend the Saturday Study Sessions throughout the school year, receiving additional instruction in Advanced Placement STEM and English subjects.

“The commitment by thousands of students and teachers to work together on Saturday and put extra time into learning challenging AP subjects is truly inspiring and an example of how our partner schools are preparing more students for college and careers,” said Susan F. Lusi, president and CEO of Mass Insight Education.

By April of next year, a total of 472 additional Saturday hours of rigorous AP instruction will be provided to students from 73 high schools. Approximately 500 AP teachers will also participate in the Saturday sessions, providing instruction and academic support to students. The Saturday Study Sessions are part of a broader AP STEM and English program funded by the Governor and Legislature in the state budget, and supported by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, public school districts, foundations, and sponsors.

MIE will partner with 73 high schools across Massachusetts to support the expansion of AP STEM and English classes, while increasing the enrollment and qualifying scores of underserved students. AP courses offer entry-level college coursework to high school students to prepare them for success throughout their college experience. At the conclusion of the course, students are tested on their knowledge of the subject area and are given a score ranging from 1-5. Typically,

scores of 3, 4 or 5 are awarded college credit, but simply enrolling in AP courses makes students more favorable to colleges looking for students with rigorous academic experience.

About Mass Insight Education

Founded in Boston in 1997, Mass Insight Education (MIE) is a national nonprofit at the forefront of education reform. It is dedicated to improving student achievement and increasing college success through bold district restructuring and rigorous academic programs. To close the achievement gap and prepare the leaders of tomorrow, MIE inspires students to go to college, and gives them the academic tools and training they need to thrive and earn a degree. For more information, visit www.massinsight.org.