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# Script and Talking Points

# For Legislative Meetings

1. **Introductions**
2. **We appreciate your support for education.** We know you care about the future of California’s students and workforce.
3. **MESA helps students in your district become the scientists and engineers that California needs.**

* MESA provides support to students across the academic pathway—K-12, community college, universities.
* MESA’s local activities: (Talk about your center highlights.)

1. **MESA’s funding comes from two budget sources.** 
   * The University of California’s Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships (SAPEP), which pays for statewide operations and pre-college and university programs. Last year MESA received $4.13 million, down from $11 million in 2002-3.
   * The California Community Colleges’ Fund for Student Success (FSS), which pays for community college programs. Last year MESA received $1.52 million, down from $2.5 million in 2008-09.
2. **We ask that you**
   * **Restore MESA’s funding to previous levels**
   * **Support (or continue to support) MESA and education in California.** We appreciate that MESA did not experience funding cuts this year.
   * **Consider dedicated support for post-secondary retention, transfer support and degree completion portion of our model as well as K-12.**
3. **We invite you to visit MESA in your district.**

* Issue the invitation! What do you want the legislator to do? **(**Hand out commendations, announce scholarship winners, provide opening or closing remarks, etc.)

1. **Thank you for your support.**

* Leave the legislative folder
* Exchange business cards
* Take photos