

### More employers than ever are requiring college degrees

#### Graduates of our public colleges & universities form the backbone of Massachusetts' workforce





### Other states are producing more high-need graduates than MA

#### More than half of undergrads in MA are attending a public college or university



#### Since '08, Massachusetts has cut funding for higher education at 2x the rate of the top 10 states



#### **Massachusetts** ranks 46th in the nation in funding for need-based financial aid





#### We need to help public colleges & universities scale up ideas that are working





#### National leadership in K–12 education is *not enough* to secure Massachusetts' future



#### We must close achievement gaps so everyone has access to good-paying jobs in high-need fields





### We need to help *veterans* enroll and succeed in college



### We need to help older adults enroll and succeed in college





### We need to help low-income males enroll and succeed in college