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# ***INSTRUCTOR NEWS & UPDATES***

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## **AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS**

**THERE ARE SOME CHANGES THAT THE ACADEMY IS HAVING TO INSTITUTE  
IN ORDER TO ADJUST TO THE CURRENT FISCAL SITUATION AND THE  
GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET  
THAT WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT MANY OF YOU**

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- ★ The first change is a reduction in the number of required instructors in several of the skills areas. Based on projections we will be very close in the number of hours available to us.
- ★ Auto scheduling had already been run for Jan – March before these numbers had been modified. As a consequence, many of you have already received cancellation notices.
- ★ The second change that has been implemented is that **NO** DPSST part-time instructors will be authorized to shadow train in any discipline other than their primary, for the time being.  
This may change as we get more information and a better handle on the budget situation.
- ★ This restriction does not apply to volunteer instructors, who are not getting paid, or agency loaned instructors who are paid by their agency

## ***WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?***

- ★ Because of the budgetary uncertainty I will only be auto scheduling for two weeks at a time
- ★ If you have made yourself “available” and you get scheduled for a class other than the one you were hoping to teach, please call Instructor Scheduling at 503.378.2386
- ★ For those of you who are trying to work the maximum number of hours per week, per month & per quarter, ATOMS will **NOT** schedule you beyond 95% of that threshold, so there will come a point where you will need to request that you be manually scheduled for those last few hours

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH  
THIS SORT OF BUDGETARY BELT TIGHTENING IN THE PAST  
FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING**

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