

TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
127th Maine Legislature (Resolve 2015, Chapter 46)

***** Preliminary Agenda *****

October 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Hancock County Technical Center
112 Boggy Brook Rd., Ellsworth, ME

Convene (9:00 a.m.)

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Task Force Members and Staff (9:00 a.m.)
(*Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair and Rep. Tori Kornfield, House Chair*)
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks (9:30 a.m.)
(*Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair and Rep. Tori Kornfield, House Chair*)
 - Dan Higgins, Superintendent, Ellsworth School Department
 - Amy Boles, Director, Hancock County Technical Center
3. Review of Task Force Duties and “Housekeeping” (e.g., expense vouchers) (10:00 a.m.)
(*Phil McCarthy, Senior Analyst, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis*)
4. Presentation: State Policies and Practices that Foster Excellence in School Leadership (10:30 a.m.)
(*Kelly Latterman, School Leadership State Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures*)
 - Challenges other states face related to school leadership
 - Legislation, policy levers and best practices to promote excellence in school leadership
5. Briefing: “A Day in the Life: Legislators Learning with Principals” (12:00 p.m.)
(*Kelly Latterman, NCSL School Leadership State Policy Specialist*)
(*Dick Durost, Executive Director, Maine Principals’ Association*)
 - Proposal to partner Maine legislators with outstanding Maine principals

Lunch (12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

6. Presentation: Evolution of School Administration in Maine Schools (1:00 p.m.)
(*Gordon Donaldson, Professor Emeritus of Education, University of Maine*)
 - Observations of the Maine principalship from “The Maine Principal Study: Change and Stability in School Leadership 1997-2011”
7. Small Group Discussions: State policy solutions and best practices to address the problems challenging the pipeline for promoting excellence in Maine school leadership (1:45 p.m.)
(*Facilitator: Kelly Latterman, NCSL School Leadership State Policy Specialist*)
 - Recruitment: Identifying prospective candidates for school principalship
 - Preparation: Enhancing the preparation, licensure and certification of school principals
 - Retention: Providing mentoring, professional development and training to promote the performance and professional growth of school principals
8. Next Steps and Announcements (2:45 p.m.)
(*Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair and Rep. Tori Kornfield, House Chair*)
 - Agenda items and schedule for the next Task Force meeting(s)

Adjourn (3:00 p.m.)