



Date: January 5, 2020

Source of Report: Letter from the Committee re: LD 63

Topic: School Board Communication

Context

In a letter from April 2019, the Education Committee chairs respectfully requested that the Department of Education, in consultation with the Attorney General's Office, develop guidance and provide direction to school boards on current state law and the responsiveness of school boards to the public.

Actions

Assistant Attorney General Sarah Forster reviewed the Maine Constitution and model policy drafted by MSMA and sent the Department of Education a memorandum outlining her findings. Commissioner Makin shared the memorandum with the executive committee of the Maine School Boards Association on January 4, 2020.

Findings

Memorandum is attached.

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