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I am a parent of a sophomore at MSSM. As a single mother with two children, as well as being an educator in Maine, I would be unable to afford for my son who has thrived immensely at MSSM - the ability to attend with financial aid. Currently he receives almost a full scholarship to cover almost all of his room and board. He is brilliant and MSSM has gifted him the ability to thrive in an environment suited for his educational needs and goals. I am not alone in being unable to afford to cover room and board for my child to attend, and am forever grateful that I qualify for financial assistance. MSSM was a dream school for my child by his choice ever since he was in 3rd grade and he fought hard to reach his goal. Without his room & board being nearly covered - I would be unable to pay for his attendance. I am not alone in the situation I find myself in. Opening up the opportunity for all students, regardless of income, to be able to attend this incredible institution would be allowing for equal educational opportunity for all students regardless of income levels. MSSM is powerful and life changing for the students who go there. When you invest in the educational future of our children... you invest in a better future for all of us. Please pass this bill!