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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: Neither For Nor Against LD 1769: An Act Concerning
Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due
to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live**
DATE: May 9, 2023

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 700 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals, CTE directors and assistant directors of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is neither for nor against LD 1769. We do appreciate the acknowledgement that more needs to be done to support students who change where they live.

We do not believe this bill will rectify the situation. Currently, local schools work collaboratively to support students or the school works within the system to help support students who move between districts. It is currently being addressed and we are afraid having one person or one team at the state that will put a plan in place may disrupt what schools already have in practice for supporting/assessing these students.

There are local policies in place to address this bill. For these reasons, the MPA is neither for nor against LD 1769.