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I am writing to support LD787 and LD1011.

I can personally attest to the value of an MSSM education. I am from rural Maine and was fortunate to attend and graduate from MSSM. There, I received an education that emphasized academic rigour and leadership, in an environment that was also radically egalitarian and supportive. To this day, I regularly apply lessons learned in my time at MSSM.

Although I am now a professor at the University of New Brunswick, my research focuses on Maine's rural coasts. The power of MSSM is that students from those communities have the same access to a premiere high school education as those from more urban or affluent communities. The result is a uniquely diverse learning community that prepares students to be leaders in their fields and communities for the benefit of all Mainers.

For these reasons, I hope the legislature moves to provide robust and sustained funding of MSSM.

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