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Dear State Representatives:

I am writing to enthusiastic support The Maine School for Science and Mathematics's increased funding for the 2025-26 academic year. As a parent, educator, and school board member in the Midcoast with three decades of experience in schools, I know first-hand what an important service MSSM offers to the community and the entire State of Maine. During a time when so many public schools across the State are struggling with attendance, low graduation rates, and a variety mental health and well-being issues in their student populations, MSSM is a beacon of light, demonstrating a model for what the best public schools in Maine can be. The school offers an environment that allows students to thrive in every sense of the world--academically, socially, and as engaged learners--who will one day contribute to Maine in a range of important ways we can only imagine.

Despite the incredible service the school provides to so many students from across the State, its funding has remained stagnant for far too long. We, as Mainers, need to prioritize our State's future and there is no better way than to support MSSM and provide the talented faculty and staff with the funds they needs to serve and inspire its vital student population.

Thank you for considering this request to fund Maine's future generation of innovators and leaders. An investment in this school is an investment in all of us.

Yours truly,

Brad Choyt