

# WESTERN MAINE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER

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Dear Senator Joseph Rafferty, Representative Kelly Murphy, and Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee:

I am Pamela Doyen, RSU 56 Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Western Maine Regional Service Center (WMRSC). WMRSC formed in 2021 and currently has 12 members: Andover School Department; Fayette School Department; Lisbon School Department; MSAD 13; MSAD 59; RSU 9, RSU 10, RSU 44; RSU 56; RSU 58; RSU 73; and RSU 74.

I am writing on behalf of all WMRSC members in **support of LD 86, “An Act To Update the Laws Regarding Education.”** Specifically, we urge the Committee to pass the Department of Education’s proposed addition of language in **Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §3804**, which provides for a service center, under the fiscal agency of a school administrative unit, to be included in the annual audit of that school administrative unit and not be required to file an additional audit.

Approval of this language is significant to a service center’s overall operating budget. In our case, if we are unnecessarily required to pay for a separate, independent audit, the projected cost would be \$7500 vs. \$1200 if we are able to have the audit conducted as part of our fiscal agent’s annual audit. Note that we are one of several service centers across Maine; the price of not supporting this update to the statutory language would end up costing the collective group of service centers tens of thousands of dollars in any given year. Those funds would be much better spent on Maine’s students and teachers.

On behalf of all WMRSC members, I thank the Committee for your consideration of supporting LD 86.

Sincerely,



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