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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 86: An Act to Update the
Laws Regarding Education**
DATE: April 1, 2025

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, 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, and Athletic Directors of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee is neither for nor against LD 86. We recognize and appreciate the effort to update and align Maine's statutory language with corresponding federal language. Ensuring consistency between state and federal statutes is generally beneficial.

However, we note that in some cases, Maine law has intentionally been more restrictive than federal guidelines. It is unclear from the bill whether any such differences would be affected, and we are uncertain about the full scope of changes being proposed beyond this alignment.

Due to the potential for unintended consequences that cannot be fully anticipated at this time, the MPA remains neither for nor against LD 86.