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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: In Opposition of LD 218: An Act to Make Student
Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in
Certain Circumstances**
DATE: April 2, 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 unanimously in opposition to LD 218. It is imperative that superintendents take the time and talk to the building administrators of the students who are on a Superintendent's Agreement. It is possible that circumstances may have changed for that individual student and therefore the transfer may no longer be in the best interest of the student. If LD 218 were to pass, a superintendent could inadvertently allow a student to remain in their placement and not do what is in the best interest of that student.

For this reasons, we urge the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass LD 218 and continue to have a Superintendent's Agreement remain as an annual review for each student.