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LD 1474

As a retired teacher I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1474. Mindful of the requirement since 2001 to include Wabanaki studies, I received very little in the way of resources or professional development in either district where I taught for 25 years. My own studies led me to resources offered by tribal governments and over time I pieced together the ability to teach about this foundational area of Maine history and culture. But this is far from ideal. If the State of Maine mandates teaching a subject they must provide the training and resources for educators to actually do so.

The recent loss of a federal grant to the Children's Museum of Maine that was allocated to supporting Wabanaki education makes LD 1474 even more urgently needed.