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LD 1543

I am strongly in support of LD 1543: An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network and Help Schools Build Healthier, More Cost-effective, and Sustainable Schools in Every Community.

For 25 years I was part of the Maine Energy Education Program (MEEP). During part of my tenure, MEEP collaborated with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create the first Maine Green Schools Program (I still have my Maine Green Schools hoodie!).

Our program created real world, experiential learning opportunities for students, elementary through high school, as they engaged in data driven, energy efficient adaptations in their schools. It also helped schools save money through more energy efficient changes.

How marvelous it would be to rejuvenate this program in an era of increased concern about possible climate catastrophe.