

I am writing with my strong support for the passage of LD 2052 and to ask you to vote PASS on this important piece of legislation.

LD 2052 will allow our state to take the necessary steps to better understand technology use in schools across the state, assess technology's impact on student learning and wellbeing and with the data pave the way for educational leaders, teachers and parents to make important curricular decisions on the state and local level.

As a parent of two children who attend RSU 1 schools I am grateful for the caring and talented administrators and teachers in my district. At the same time I have been shocked by the use of screens and personal devices during the school day. As someone who attended elementary school myself in the 1980's the use of personal devices as well as large screens in classrooms is all new to me and it concerns me greatly.

In 2024 Maine students scored the lowest they have in three decades on national assessments from the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Fourth grade students had the lowest average reading score since 1992, and the lowest score in math since 1996. Eighth grade students had the lowest scores ever in both reading and math¹. These test results are very concerning and we must act immediately to change the trajectory for our young people.

Maine's children are counting on us, the adults, to teach and nurture them and to ensure that they are healthy and strong in mind and body. I don't know the answers to this crisis but I do know that a good first step is to pause and assess what is happening.

As such, I strongly urge you to vote ought to PASS on this important first step in assessing tech use in our schools. This is vital for our children, for their learning, growth, and health, now and far into the future.

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¹ <https://mainemorningstar.com/2025/01/29/maine-students-score-lowest-in-three-decades-on-nations-report-card/>