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Testimony in Support of LD 2064 An Act to Expand Access to Early Childhood Nutrition by Establishing a Grant Program for Public Preschools

**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and Honorable Members of the Health and Human Services Committee**

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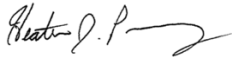
Dear Committee Members,

My name is Heather Perry and I am the Superintendent of Schools from Gorham, Maine. I am writing to express support for LD 2064: An Act to Expand Access to Early Childhood Nutrition by Establishing a Grant Program for Public Preschools.

Because of Federal regulations, local SAU's are not able to provide meals to public Pre K partners. Because of this and the fact that our partner programs are often not structured to provide meals themselves, students may not be able to have access to meals during the course of their Pre K program day.

I support this bill because it would close a loophole in our system that currently doesn't allow approved public Pre K programs in Maine to access meals for their students.

Thank you,



Heather J. Perry, Ph.D.