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LD 2212

As an educator of Maine middle and high school students, and a parent of a PED-free middle school student, I am writing to you today in support of LD2212. Requiring a bell to bell PED-free school day, implemented by the State of Maine, will allow teachers to do their jobs, teach. Currently, the constant distractions and confrontations with students during the school days are exhausting and forcing many out of the profession. Even though each school has their own PED policy, it is the classroom teacher's responsibility to carry that specific policy forth. This is problematic and enforcement is challenged by the students in the classrooms, their parents at home, takes away from learning time and it is ultimately another distraction. Our students deserve more, they deserve to learn without distraction, they deserve a future where they are not addicted to a screen or device. What I am witnessing is truly disheartening and I am concerned for their/our futures. Please pass LD 2212, requiring a bell to beel PED-free school day.