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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Support of LD 2131: An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities**  
**DATE: January 24, 2024**

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Blair, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee unanimously supports the passing of LD 2131. Many schools have found the benefits to offering Extended Learning Opportunities for their schools and students as another pathway for learning. Adding this into statute could potentially provide additional resources for schools who need someone to make the connections outside of the school building and work with the school to potentially offer credit for these opportunities.

Many schools have also used Extended Learning Opportunities to provide additional support for students who were not able to get into a Career and Technical Center when some of the programs were full to capacity. The passing of LD 2131 could be another way to meet more students' individual needs.

The MPA urges the Committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2131.