

LD 2226

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To Whom It May Concern:

This LD is of great importance to the public schools in Maine. Why? Because as an Augusta Schhol District Board member, I've dealt with three years of school budgets, and the costs of everything from electricity, transportation, construction, food for our children, and particularly for special education, are rising higher and higher. We, the residents of Augusta, need your help now.

My colleagues and I are doing our best to maintain quality education in our Augusta Public Schools; however, we are hobbled by a very out-of-date regional calculation, by the low socio-economic status of many of our precious students, and by the costs of educating our precious students with disabilities. We are being forced to cut budgets "to the bone."

We cannot afford to hire lobbyists to come to you. Our voices must do.

Please support LD 2226 for the future of our children and the financial health of our school districts that are ready and able to provide every Maine child with an education to be proud of.

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