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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
**RE: In Support of LD 278: An Act to Establish a Process for
the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to
Mandated Instruction or Training for Students**
DATE: February 17, 2021

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Couturier and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association, representing more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee unanimously supports LD 278. We have concerns that as new legislation is brought forward requesting additional standards to be placed into the Maine Learning Results that two issues arise: more would be mandated of Maine educators without replacing or "taking anything off" of the already over-tasked plate of those teachers; and that some of the items brought forward may already exist in another content area in the Maine Learning Results. By creating a task force and process in which the Commissioner take the requests and review them with a team of educators, many of these items can be addressed without creating a new law.

The MPA strongly urges the Committee to vote unanimously Ought To Pass on LD 278.