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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**

**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**

**RE: Neither For Nor Against LD 270: An Act to Amend the Regional Adjustment Index to Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries**

**DATE: March 8, 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's – Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA is neither for nor against LD 270. We agree that the Commissioner should not made an adjustment that decreases districts' teacher and school-level salary costs. Our concern is if those lines are not decreased, and there is a decrease in the amount of funding that a district will receive, which lines will then be decreased? Our other concern is the identification of "school-level" staff. This is not clearly articulated in the bill.

For these reasons, the MPA is Neither For Nor Against LD 270.