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To: Senator Matthea Daughtry, Chair
Representative Michael Brennan, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
Fr: Arnold Shorey, Head of School for Foxcroft Academy
Re: ***Foxcroft Academy Testimony in Support of LD 414, An Act To Create Parity
Between Private Schools and Public Schools Regarding Career and Technical
Education Tuition Rates***

Foxcroft Academy is an Independent School established in 1823 and is the first school chartered after Maine became a state. FA contracts with RSU 68 and serves 326 local students from Dover-Foxcroft, Charleston, Bowerbank, Sebec, Monson, and Atkinson. Foxcroft Academy sends students pursuing an in-depth Industrial Technology program to the Tri-County Technical Center.

Industrial Technical programming is essential to Foxcroft Academy's mission, vision, and guiding principles. Quoting a part of Foxcroft Academy's mission, "Foxcroft Academy is committed to providing students from central Maine and beyond a rigorous college and career preparatory academic curriculum..." Technical Industrial programming is so essential that Foxcroft Academy has welding, automotive, woodworking, greenhouse, small engines, robotics, and engineering programming and sends students to our local CTE, Tri-county Technical Center. However, because of Section 5809, for example, over the last three years, Foxcroft Academy has lost \$80,000, \$100,000, and \$40,000 respectively in tuition as the law only allows for a Town Academy to be paid two-thirds of the tuition for students who attend a CTE program, while other schools in our CTE cohort: RSU 80, RSU 41, SAD 46, and Union 60, all received their full subsidy for students sent to TCTC.

Why is this, and how can this be considered fair? LD414 will correct this unfairness. The Foxcroft Academy community fully supports LD 414 and urges that fairness is established regarding this issue.

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