



Mission: "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."

The Maine Parent Teacher Association is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in Maine. Our members include parents, educators, students, and others active in their schools and communities.

March 17, 2021

Supporting L.D. 552

An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process

To Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee:

Parents must not only be included in educational plans, but have an equal voice. Parents need to be part of reaching consensus about any change to an IEP. They also need the right to include professionals who know their children and can contribute expertise to the discussion on behalf of a student and a student's family.

Please support LD 552 and strengthen parent engagement in this important part of education for many children and youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia L. Mott".

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Parent Teacher Associations have a long, strong history of supporting children and youth, families, and schools. The PTA was founded in 1897; PTA began in Maine in 1916. PTA has played pivotal roles in children's health, nutrition, safety, justice, and, of course, education, and we continue to do so. Here in Maine we're in our second century as the state's largest all-volunteer child advocacy organization.