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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 313: An Act to Advance
Career and Technical Education Opportunities**
DATE: April 9, 2021

Senator Rafferty, 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, representing more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA is neither for nor against LD 313. Exploratory programs already exist and are often limited by sending school graduation requirements. Overall satellite programs are generally opposed as they are hard to manage with fidelity and can take away from in-house programs. By looking at eliminating half-day options, this may not work for some students.

We do fully appreciate and support that LD 313 addresses the shortage of career and technical education teachers as well as creating multiple pathways for students to learn and demonstrate their knowledge and acknowledging skills that will be needed to better meet Maine's workforce shortages.

For these reasons, the MPA is neither for nor against LD 313.