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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee
RE: In Support of LD 1114: An Act to Require the State to Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools.
DATE: April 13, 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 – Professional Division. We represent more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee supports LD 1114. The people in the state of Maine voted in 2008 to have the state support 55% of educational cost of essential programs and services in Maine schools. To date, this has not taken place. The passing of LD 1114 gets us closer to the 55%. By removing sections B and C of the Maine statute, it removes paying up to 55% of teacher retirement and while we would rather that stay in, by removing those sections 55% of the other EPS areas would be provided for, getting us closer to the wishes of the people over a decade ago.

The MPA urges the Committee to vote Ought To Pass on LD 1114.