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Testimony In Support Of

**LD 1932 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results:
Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education
Grace Leavitt, President, Maine Education Association
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs
February 8, 2022**

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Grace Leavitt. I am a Spanish teacher, on leave, serving as President of the Maine Education Association. The MEA represents nearly 24,000 educators in our Maine system of public education, in pre-K-12 schools as well as in our institutions of higher education, both the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System, along with many retired educators.

I am writing on behalf of these members in support of LD 1932, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education.

The process for review of the content areas of Maine's Learning Results we believe to be a thorough and inclusive one, allowing for public comment and input from various stakeholders, including practitioners, at several points along the way, as well as directly involving practitioners in the writing of proposed changes. I previously had participated in the process in one of the first rounds of review of World Languages several years ago. I have also recently reviewed the various comments submitted on the proposed revisions and the responses to these comments.

Although the process for review of these three content areas—Health Education and Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts, and World Languages—was at first interrupted by the pandemic, the process did continue as the world adjusted to the changed environment.

The MEA supports the proposed revisions as they are being presented at this time.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the people of Maine and especially to our educators and students.

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