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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to share my thoughts regarding LD 98. My comments come from over 35 years of experience in education. I have been a classroom teacher, a building level principal, and am currently a Director of Academic Services who is responsible for the PK - 12 experience of all students.

I have no problem with the intent of the proposed legislation. Providing an education that helps our students be successful members of society is what every educator, and parent, wants. However, I do not agree with some of the methods outlined in LD 98:

- As written, the law applies to a much larger population than currently outlined. This larger population will increase the financial responsibility of districts all across Maine.
- The law would set districts up for lawsuits from families who feel their child has not sufficiently met their goals.
- There is a lack of financial support for the general education
- And lastly, why is public education the answer for everything? Why wouldn't funds be better used to increase adult services for students aged 20 - 22?

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts. LD 98 is a very important law. Why not take the time to do more work with schools?

Thank you,

Susan Robbins

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