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As a proud parent of two (2) children currently attending the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM), we are continually impressed with MSSM's excellent academics and unique residential experience. With flat-funding over several years of increasing inflation costs MSSM has struggled, and succeeded, to maintain their high standards. As a Select Board member for the town of Blue Hill, I have seen our town school budget consistently increase over the last several years with rising inflation costs in an increasingly expensive economy.

MSSM represents Maine amongst a handful of nationally distinguished state math and science schools, offering an opportunity for Maine's academically motivated students to get a head start on learning and life. MSSM provides courses and learning experiences that aren't available in many towns, including ours. Most MSSM students are able to earn a significant number of college credits before graduation, providing them with a significant head start at universities here in Maine.

Updating the MSSM budget to meet current economic realities will ensure this unique and exceptional educational experience continues to grow and thrive for future generations of young Mainers.

Thank you for your consideration and support of LD 2118.

Best Regards,
Sean Dooley
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