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I am currently a public high school teacher in the state of Maine. I love my job, I love my students, and I love being part of my school community. With that said, we all know that schools are unfunded and teachers are underpaid. For those of you who don't know about teacher salaries, I have a Master's degree in Education and have taught with my license for 5 years, but have been in the field of education for 10. I make \$42,000 a year. I usually spend my summers working other jobs and prepping curriculum for the year, so no I don't just have my summers 'off.' Every nation across the state is dealing with teacher shortages because unsurprisingly it is not a popular job to go into with it's low pay, and long hours. Anything the state can do both honor the work of public educators and draw more people to the job will benefit the people of Maine. We know that quality education leads to more economic activity and safer communities. Please vote yes on LD328 to invest in Maine's future.