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**TO: Committee on Labor and Housing**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Support of LD 275: An Act to Amend the Retirement  
Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians**  
**DATE: February 24, 2021**

Senator Rafferty, Representative Sylvester and distinguished members of the Committee on Labor and Housing. My name is Dr. Holly Couturier and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association's Professional Division. The MPA represents more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA's Legislative Committee voted unanimously to support LD 275. There is a shortage of educational technicians. Some of these positions do not require a certification for them to work. These people should then be allowed to collect social security rather than pay into the Maine State Retirement System. The passing of LD 275 would provide the opportunity for more people to become an educational technician and help fill a need that schools throughout the state have.

The MPA strongly urges the Committee to vote Ought To Pass on LD 275.