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Subject: 22 Mar - COVID-19 Sunday Update
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:22:18 PM

Hi all – here's the zoom invite for 5PM. Talk to you then.

~Dan

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Topic: Ed Organizations Update - 22 Mar

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Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:23:25 AM

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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
Subject: 4.2.20 MEA MDOE Videotownhall Agenda DRAFT
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:43:28 PM
Attachments: [4.2.20 MEA MDOE Videotownhall Agenda DRAFT.docx](#)

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Dear Commissioner Makin and other leaders from Maine Dept of Education –

The MEA is thrilled you will be joining with MEA members tomorrow evening at 7pm for a Video townhall with educators all over the state. We expect a very large turnout for this event. We know everyone is working very hard and we so appreciate all you are doing during this time of crisis.

MEA has purchased a ZOOM account in order to help provide access to more educators to this event. **You should receive an invite at 530pm tonight to serve as a panelist for this event.** By accepting the panelist role, you will have the ability to address other attendees on the call. The MEA's IT Director, Lee Pullen, is cc'ed on this email and can help answer technical questions, if any.

In addition, attached is a DRAFT agenda/run of show for tomorrow evening's video town hall. Grace will serve as moderator for the MEA. This is a draft and can easily be adjusted if anyone from Team DOE has suggestions, edits, etc. Please just let me know.

My cell phone is [REDACTED] in case you have any questions. I will be sure to reach out to Kelli tomorrow to confirm any last minute details but wanted to get this to you all right away.

Best,

John Kosinski

Mobile: [REDACTED]

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To: [Shea, Bear](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
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Subject: 4/29 town hall on trauma/mental health
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:33:47 AM
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Bear, Commissioner Makin, Deputy Commissioner Chuta, Grace,

We are very excited to have Bear join us this Wednesday for our tele-town hall on trauma and mental health. The agenda for the event is attached. Our panel will include Bear, Grace Leavitt, and Commissioner Makin of Deputy Commissioner Chuta.

We would like to get you together for a run-through with our tech expert Lee Pullen sometime Wednesday morning if possible. Others are welcome to join. Right now it looks like 8am and 10:30am might be good times. Do those times work for you folks?

Thanks,

Dan

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Subject: 6/10 Returning to School Advisory Committee Mtg Agenda
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:46:40 PM

Good evening everyone,

Here is the [agenda](#) for tomorrow's meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:00, and we plan to meet until 6:30. For the bulk of the meeting we'll be reviewing [Part IV of the framework](#), so you may wish to do some prereading.

Looking forward to meeting with you all tomorrow. The Zoom information is at the bottom of this message if you need it.

Thanks in advance,
~Dan

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Subject: 6/17 Ed. Orgs. Wed Mtg
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:52:04 PM

Hi all, here's our current list of agenda items for 5PM:

1. Update on (summer) athletic guidance from MPA?
2. Guidance on transportation?
3. Guidance on exchange students?
4. Other questions:
5. Scheduling of these meetings going forward...

Talk with you in a bit!

~Dan

(Zoom below if you need it!)

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To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
Subject: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:30:35 PM
Attachments: [8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT.docx](#)

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Hi Commissioner –

Quick update on the webinar tomorrow night . . .

We sent the invite last night. So far we have about 250 registrations, but we intend to send another reminder tomorrow. I predict about 300 attendees on the line.

I know there are other meetings happening tomorrow night – including another protest in Auburn around the reopening plan there.

Attached is a DRAFT agenda for our webinar tomorrow night. It has Grace opening up and then giving you a few minutes to share what you would like to share. As I mentioned earlier, we have a growing anxiety and frustration as we get closer to back to school in a lot of communities. We will be sure to steer away from any questions that may place you in a position to judge a local plan.

I have included in the agenda and pasted below some sample questions. These questions have come up from members and we expect will come up again tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Question – will Kelli be joining us tomorrow night? Do you want anyone else from the Dept to join? So far I believe only you and me and Grace have panelist links but we can include others if you like.

And reminder, you should have already received a link for the zoom from MEA Webconference. You will get an email with the link again about an hour before the zoom webinar tomorrow night.

Please join on via the panelist link by 645pm so we can review, adjust microphone and cameras, and make sure we are set for a 7pm start.

Thank you again for all you do and for joining us on this webinar.

Best,
JK

Key Questions for Webinar:

- a. Ventilation: Many educators have expressed concern about the antiquated or faulty ventilation systems in our schools. Scientists and doctors have warned about proper ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID 19. As we know, some classrooms do not even have windows. There is not a lot of guidance in the DRAFT Framework concerning appropriate ventilation systems. And while this may be less of a concern in September, when we can open windows and get fresh air. Replacing or updating ventilation systems can be expensive. What are you and the Dept telling school districts that need

to consider when it comes to proper ventilation and air flow in our schools?

- b. Temperature Checks: We know the American Academy of Pediatrics has cautioned against temperature checks before entering a school, but many educators have told us they would feel more comfortable if we had some temperature checks in place. Some are deeply concerned about the ability for parents or students themselves to self-check for symptoms. Are you opposed to school districts starting temperature checks for students and staff before entering school or getting on a bus?
- c. Keeping Bus Drivers Safe: The MEA has had an uptick in concern among bus drivers. Some districts have started to say they can have full bus runs, and spacing students 6 feet apart on the bus is not “feasible.” What are you and the Dept advising school departments to do when it comes to transporting students to school while keeping bus drivers and students safe?
- d. Masks Breaks: We are hearing concerns from the field that some schools may allow students to take “mask breaks” but there is no definition of a mask break. Will the Dept provide guidance or feedback to districts about what is a mask break and how it should be conducted?
- e. Enforcement and Compliance: Some educators have written in that they are deeply concerned about any lack of enforcement or compliance with the plans they have adopted. What should educators do if they see students and/or staff continually not following the 6 safety requirements?
- f. 3 feet vs 6 feet: Lots of educators are very concerned about the requirement to maintain 6 feet of distance among adults, but only 3 feet among students. Why was that decision made? Shouldn’t we insist on maintaining 6 feet of distance between all people, including students?
- g. Cleaning: In May, there was a lot of talk about the need for more custodians to help keep our schools clean. Now, many plans have the teachers cleaning their own classrooms between classes. What are you seeing around the state and do you have a recommendation for teachers who are now forced to conduct the cleaning of their classrooms and workspaces, among the many other facets of their jobs?
- h. Childcare for Educators: This issue continues to be a struggle for educators across the state. Many educators have children and their children may attend school in a different district where they work. Yet some schools are requiring teachers to be in their classroom even when providing remote instruction. What are you seeing in districts to address the childcare crisis for educators and what should districts do to alleviate this concern of educators who are also parents?

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Subject: A possible resource - comeback plans
Date: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:11:59 AM
Attachments: [Decision Points for COVID Comeback Models.pdf](#)

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Hello all,

I am sure many of you get the District Administration but just in case I think from my scan and watching a couple of the videos some of this may be helpful to districts as they are looking at their comeback plans. I went to the ERS, https://www.erstrategies.org/tap/ers_briefing_developing_covid_comeback_models_for_fall_2020, website and it appears that many of their tools and resources are free.

Here is the District Administration article: https://districtadministration.com/planning-the-covid-comeback-tools-for-school-reopenings/?eml=20200626&oly_enc_id=5578I5123145I8Y

I have also attached the brief on Decision Points for COVID Comeback Models from ERS.

I want to say how much it has means to MADSEC to be part of this amazing group of Educational Gurus. Thank-you for all you do for the students of Maine! I hope that all of you take some time over the 4th to rejuvenate and connect with family and friends, even if it has to be virtually. Take Care and Be Safe, Jill



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Attachments: [AFA Presentation 6.30.pptx](#)

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Hi Commissioner –

Thank you for the call. Here is a DRAFT of my presentation for tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any feedback or thoughts.

Best,

JK

From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Accepted: Health and Safety Council discussion
Start: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:00:00 PM
End: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:00:00 PM
Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84912603014?pwd=NkJvSWdPQWMwY3IzMWxiS1Jhc1hiQT09>

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Start: Thursday, April 16, 2020 7:00:00 PM
End: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:00:00 PM
Location: Zoom

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Accepted: TeleTown Hall with Commissioner, Maine DOE, MEA
Start: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00:00 PM
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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Again, many many thanks!
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:11:48 PM

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I think this was our best tele townhall yet! So much information and really great messages—common sense over compliance, ourselves/our safety/our students, etc.

I appreciate you all taking time again at the end of such busy days to do this—

And Erin, your presentation and answers were so incredibly helpful—thank you so very much!

I hope you all do get some time this weekend to have a break—

Grace

Grace Leavitt
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Hello all,

I apologize not sure what happened we lost internet at home and then my computer decided to crash. Crashing computer which has your life on it put me into stress mode. I think I have managed to get it all back, whew. No backup here at home guess I have to go to the office to back up. I did hear most of the conversation and I am sure MADSEC would be in agreement with everyone else. Again, I apologize for my quick exit. Take Care and Be Safe, Jill



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Subject: Articles on restarting
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:34:18 AM
Attachments: [NDK12restartguide.pdf](#)
[UNESCO Framework for reopening.pdf](#)
[CFC-TheReturn 5-13-20.pdf](#)

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Hello all,

I am sure many of us are doing the same thing, looking for information on what other states and countries are doing to reopen schools. I found a couple of articles I thought were interesting and thought I would share in case you had not seen them. I am not necessarily in agreement but thought some had some points we may make sure we consider. Jill



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To: [Grace Leavitt](#)
Subject: Available this morning
Date: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:58:24 AM

Hi Grace, I am available until 9 o'clock this morning and I have a break At noon also. If neither of those times will work for you, I am available from 4 o'clock on this afternoon/evening. I am eager to get a real in-depth sense of what is happening in some of those places of concern and to develop a plan to help.

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#)
Subject: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:00:16 AM

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Good morning,

There are ongoing concerns at the B.E.A.C.H. program—a lack of proper PPE (it's being reported that they were only given limited numbers of 'flimsy masks' that tore quickly, disposable face shields that they have to re-use, social distancing is not being adhered to, no goggles, and for students that won't 'tolerate' face masks or faced shields, they are being place in small rooms with staff unable to maintain proper distance. It sounds like at least some of the rooms have other furniture in them as well, so even harder to have distancing. (Jill, I did share the information you had sent last week—thank you again for that.)

The concerns have been raised multiple times—but I was asked to reach out to you about this as staff continues to be very concerned about safety.

We will ask them to also fill out the DECD reporting form, but with the small number of staff involved, I'm not sure that will raise the issue enough to be addressed even if they all fill it out.

Thanks for any help on this.

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Subject: Back to School Blueprint
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:46:40 AM
Attachments: [Seven steps to sending elementary kids back to school and parents back to work final text.pdf](#)

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Good Morning—

I ran across this this weekend, not sure you have seen it. It does give some good examples of what a blended schedule could look like for Elementary students.

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Subject: CNCLD: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in
Date: Saturday, May 30, 2020 9:59:07 AM

Hi all, hope you're enjoying the weekend so far!

We're going to cancel our Sunday meetings for now and just connect on Wednesdays. Not to be confusing, but I think we'll leave the calendar invites on so that if we do have things come up that need to be addressed more urgently, the Zoom info will be ready for us!

Be well,
~Dan

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Subject: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in
When: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:00 PM-5:00 PM.
Where: Zoom (see below for details) Dan Chuhta is the host

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Topic: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in **(Dan Chuhta is the host) !!!**
Time: May 17, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Betit, CJ \[ME\]](#); [Allen, Dan \[ME\]](#)
Subject: COVID 19 3 24 UPDATE
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:43:26 PM
Attachments: [COVID 19 3 24 UPDATE.docx](#)

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Dear Commissioner Makin and DOE Team –

Thank you for everything you are doing. The Commissioner's video message was well received by educators across the state (as you already know) and we also appreciate the Priority Notice from last night/this morning expressing flexibility around many issues. Thank you.

As I discussed with the Commissioner on Sunday, our members will likely have a plethora of technical questions regarding all of the rules and laws impacting their jobs – certification, PE/PG, number of days, etc. We expect these questions will all begin to bubble up very soon and we would like to be in front of these questions.

Attached is a DRAFT guidance we would like to send to members. Before we send it, we wanted to make sure we were in alignment and agreement about the various points we raise with members. If there are any areas of disagreement, we are more than happy to engage more to better understand. Our primary goal is factual information to our members, and easing of their concerns during this time of unprecedented upheaval.

Thanks for all you do and please let us know if we can be helpful in any way.

Best,
JK

From: [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
To: [steve bailey](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eking, Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); mhaney@mdirss.org
Subject: COVID-19 Ed Orgs Wed Edition!
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 8:30:57 PM

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Topic: Ed Organizations Update (Wed)

Time: Mar 25, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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To: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Cc: [Betit, CJ \[ME\]](#); [Cookson, Amy](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Call Request
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:27:44 AM

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Hi Kelli –

I was hoping to talk with you, or someone you recommend, to talk about about the guidance from Friday from the DOE.

We have some concerns about it but this line particular is causing some confusion in the field: School employees will not qualify for unemployment under the recent expansion, and should not apply for these benefits. If they have received these benefits, they will be required to repay this to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

We see it a little different, and we were hoping to talk with you about it more and get your take, both on the line above and on the current DOE thinking of “essential.”

Do you have time today to chat about this for a few minutes?

Thanks in advance and I hope to hear from you.

Best,
JK

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Subject: Call for Abstract: 2020 Governor Mills Opioid Response Summit (July 22 – 24th)
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:56:17 PM



The State of Maine will hold its second annual Governor Mills Opioid Response Summit: Compassion, Community, Connection on July 23rd and 24th, 2020 at the Cross Arena in Bangor Maine.

Good Afternoon,

As a reminder, we are requesting a call for papers for the 2020 Governor Mills Opioid Summit. We understand this comes at a busy time for many of you as we enter unknown territory with the limits on gatherings to promote social distancing due to COVID-19. Our team is closely monitoring the situation and remain hopeful that this event will take place as scheduled. We strongly encourage you to review the call for papers and, if appropriate, submit a proposal to help make this year an even greater success.

Please note, we have extended the deadline for abstract submission to Sunday, April 19th at 11:59 pm. The overall important dates are below:

Important Dates:

Presentation Submission Deadline:	Sunday, April 19th, 2020 (11:59pm)
Presentation Decision Notification:	Friday, May 1st, 2020
CME Document Deadline:	Friday, May 15th, 2020
Poster Decision Notification:	Friday May 22nd, 2020
Registration Deadline:	Friday, June 5th, 2020
Final Presentations / Posters Due:	Friday July 3rd, 2020
Summit Poster Presentation:	Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020
Summit Presentations:	Thursday July 23rd or Friday July 24th, 2020

[Click here for information on Abstract submissions](#)

Please send completed Abstract to the Opioid Response Steering Committee at: OpioidSummit2020@Maine.gov Any additional questions may also be directed to this same email address.

We hope this email finds you well.

The 2020 Governor Mills Opioid Response Summit Leadership Team



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Cc: [Megan Welter](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#)
Subject: Canceled: Ed Orgs Sun Check-in

No call this Sunday!

Cancelling this Sunday's meeting (don't want to interrupt your Patriot's Day Eve parties!)

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Mar 22, 2020 05:00 PM
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Subject: Care of the Perinatal Patient with Substance Use Disorder and Resilience Building - June 19, 2020 Lunch and Learn
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:28:05 AM

Good morning Opioid Prevention Task Force Committee Members,

Please see the invitation below from Kini-Ana Tinkham, Executive Director of the Maine Resilience Building Network

June 19, 2020 11:30am-12:30pm

Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) Lunch and Learn

Care of the Perinatal Patient with Substance Use Disorder and Resilience Building

Dr. Alane O'Connor, DNP with the Opioid Task Force Committee

Register on the MRBN website www.maineresilience.org

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to share a MRBN lunch and learn event scheduled on June 19th from 11:30-12:30.

Care of the Perinatal Patient with Substance Use Disorder and Resilience Building.

Dr. Alane O'Connor, DNP, a faculty member at Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency, MaineGeneral Medical Center, will provide us with an overview of substance use disorder and care of the perinatal patient. Dr. O'Connor's clinical work focuses on addiction medicine and the management of opioid use disorders using buprenorphine.

In this session we will review current standards of care and introduce the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) model, which aims to improve care for pregnant and postpartum women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and their infants. We will highlight strategies to build community resilience and address stigma in support of women and their families.

Individuals can register on the MRBN website www.maineresilience.org. I am writing to offer the training to organizations with a \$150 cap for groups registering greater than 15 staff members. If there is interest, please let me know. MRBN can register and invoice the organization for any number of participants interested in joining the event by replying to me by email. I will forward the zoom link prior to the meeting.

MRBN is very pleased to host Dr. O'Connor. Thank you in advance for sharing this event with your colleagues.
Best,

Kini

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***SAVE THE DATE: MRBN Fall Conference - November 12 & 13, 2020,
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Subject: Collaborating in A Crisis: Working Together to Safely Reopen Our School Buildings
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:47:51 PM

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Hi Pender,

This is the document I spoke of when we were talking earlier this morning. It is available at the [link](#) included in the paragraph below that was included within the June 5 NSBA *Federal Update*.

Joint Publication on School Reopening: This week, the National Labor-Management Partnership, a joint effort between NSBA, NEA, AFT, AASA, and CCSO produced “Collaborating in a Crisis: Working Together to Safely Reopen Our School Buildings.” The document offers examples of how education leaders can work together to lead our nation’s children out of this dark period. You can access the document at: <https://bit.ly/3dxTxHl>

I thought this might be helpful in our upcoming conversations.
Steve

From: [Courtney Belolan](#)
To: [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Collecting Data Around Common Questions
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:21:00 PM

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Hello!

Has anybody started to compile answers to some of the following questions?

- end of school year dates
- prom plans
- grading

I have had several members ask me, and there has been some informal information gathering on our email group. It would be helpful if anybody has started compiling this information if it could be shared among all of us.

Courtney Belolan

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To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Commissioner/Shah Webinar
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 7:10:06 PM

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Commissioner Makin –

As always, thank you for taking the time to speak with me.

As we discussed, I wanted to email you to see if you are interested and able to be part of a webinar with the Maine Education Association regarding the reopening of schools. As you know, there is a tremendous amount of anxiety among educators and your calm reassurance would likely be helpful right now.

We also think it would be an awesome draw for the webinar if Dr Shah could take part. He is a rock star, and I am certain educators would appreciate hearing from him about the safe return to in person instruction given the protocols in the draft framework.

We typically hold webinars on Wed evenings at 7pm but for an event like this I am certain we will want to accommodate your schedule and Dr. Shah's.

Thanks for all you do and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Jk

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: Concerns about Drummond, OOB Super
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:39:30 PM

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Commissioner,

As I mentioned, below is the email from Drummond raising questions about the impact of unified guidance, with the main sentence highlighted, and a less than kind email from the super in RSU 23 (OOB) regarding concerns from custodians about returning to work. I hope you agree it is a problem if the Drummond attorneys are purposefully undercutting the unified guidance from DOE when we are all working collaboratively to get that done.

Thanks for all you do. Hang in there.

Bets,

Jk

From Tom Trenholm, Drummond and Woodsum, undercutting Unified Guidance:

“As noted in the Governor’s relevant order (15), all school employees are essential, and hourly employees are expected to continue to work (including performing maintenance and cleanup) or they are being paid to ensure they are available to work (“to meet changing needs so that schools can promptly provide the widest range of services”). **The DOE has also issued guidance (twice), but that guidance does not have the force of law and it does not supersede your CBAs – the most recent guidance says it is a “point of discussion and consideration.”** So long as you are asking the employee to do work related to closing out this year or preparing for next year, I think the work is also essential. Also, if you are following guidance for mitigating health and safety risks presented by the virus, then you are fulfilling your obligations regarding health and safety (See Article 11).”

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Subject: Re:
To: Lisa St. Louis <lstlouis@rsu23.org>
Cc: Mark Knowles <mknowles@rsu23.org>

Hui Lisa and Mark,

I’m not sure why we have to clarify anything regarding their work schedules as they are essential employees. When school closed, we had 1 custodian per day, per school. Two weeks ago Mark changed the schedule to every other day. He then informed them on Monday that all would return to 5 days a week. Jameson is 35,000 square feet. Loranger is 90,000 square feet and we have 3 custodians working at that school, the high school is

70,000 square feet, easy to stay six feet apart in all schools. I question the motives of the people who are asking their representation why they are being scheduled to work.

Custodians will also each have their own area for breaks and to eat lunch. Mark has also instructed maintenance and grounds that they too will be 5 days a week starting May 4th.

The type of work custodians will perform now is generally work they perform during the summer break. This time gives us a chance to be thorough, helps us achieve other aspects of building cleaning and maintenance like painting, repair furniture, etc which is clearly noted in their job description.

Another issue we deal with during summer break is the fact that we have custodians who take vacations. Adding vacations to working every 2nd or 3rd day makes it impossible for us to complete the necessary work.

At this point in the year, there is no reason why custodians can't or shouldn't work 5 days a week. As mentioned, the buildings are large enough to avoid each other and they will not need to work together in close quarters. We have PPE including masks, gloves, and enough disinfectant to take care of anything needed.

Mark would also like to bring transportation workers back 5 days a week as well. Not only is there online training to do, but this would give us a chance to thoroughly work on deep cleaning, maintenance, and other work on vehicles. The document Eric sent out to all staff, RSU 23 Work Expectations During School Closure explains to all groups of employees that they may be assigned to support other areas such as maintenance, transportation, custodial, and food services.

Custodians are considered essential and we have the ability to follow safety guidelines. If they don't want to work they should take vacation days, or reconsider their employment and seek other job opportunities. This will be my last response to you regarding this issue. Thanks.

-John

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Concerns re: ventilation et al
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:15:45 PM

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Some other specific schools with concerns that have been reported to me:

Both Talbot and Rowe schools in Portland have spaces being used that have no windows/no ventilation—Talbot was supposed to be getting an air conditioning system but it has been delayed a year, in Rowe there are some spaces where if there are windows, they can only be opened a crack—

There are multiple safety violations being reported in RSU 18—I have spoken with Steve and Eileen—numerous instances of not following social distancing and/or masks are being reported: students without masks, close together as they leave for the day/wait for a later bus/hang out and play; bottlenecks throughout the day as teachers try to clean in between classes; multiple adults in a classroom (Title I teachers told to be coming into the room and ‘crouching’ by students—so are within 6 ft. of multiple students); some have resigned because they felt the plan was unsafe, others are extremely stressed; one report of a student throwing up in the classroom and the teacher being told that there is no way to keep the child from coming back the next day if they are ‘symptom free’. There is a lot more—this is a summary.

In a part of the state that includes these districts, it seems parents are angry at teachers and are complaining about hybrid plans, and blaming teachers for everything that is going on (the area includes these districts: Athens, Carrabec, Harmon, Madison, RSU 19, SAD 12, SAD 46, SAD 49, SAD 53, SAD 54, Upper Kennebec. Not sure what could be done to help—I imagine this is happening in some other parts of the state, but the local leaders from these areas were on a meeting and expressing how hard this is hitting educators.

Grace

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Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Couple "Ed Orgs" Mtg Questions
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:17:12 PM

Hi all, happy Friday!

Need your thoughts on a couple topics. Feel free to caucus with your organization's colleagues, and then let me know what your group's stance is on both of these!

- a. As you know, Megan Welter has been joining us as a "silent observer." She has respectfully reached out to Pender to ask if there would be any objection to her being more involved in the conversations. We're happy to add another voice and perspective, but we wanted to make sure it was ok with the group first.
- b. With yesterday's change in our Wed meetings (every other week for Resuming Classroom-based Instruction), we wanted to confirm that we should add back an every other week of Ed Orgs (on the off weeks). At least for a while we figure there will still be a great deal to discuss. (This leaves Sundays in tact as well.)

Thanks, and talk to you on Sunday at FOUR!

~Dan

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

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Subject: Ed Orgs Sun Check-in

When: Sunday, April 26, 2020 4:00 PM-5:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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Hi - I have tweaked a couple of sentences near the bottom. Thanks for getting this started John.

Steve

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Subject: DOE Mtg. w/ Educational Organizations
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:06:59 AM
Attachments: [3-12-20 Mtg Agenda for Ed. Orgs.docx](#)

Good Morning,

Please find the agenda for the Commissioners monthly meeting with Educational Organizations attached.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow in Room 600.

Best regards,

Jessica Nixon

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Distribution List, Wed and Sun Mtgs
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:55:47 AM

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Hi Kelli and Dan –

I had a chance to chat with Pender last night. I raised for her that we appear out of alignment on the graduation protocols the DOE put out and now the summer school recommendations. I hope we all agree that we are in the best position when we are in alignment on the guidance from the DOE, and when we are in agreement the disputes in the field will be fewer. I am hoping to keep disputes in the field to the bare minimum.

Is there any chance you can include me on the distribution lists you are sending out with guidance and other DOE communications?

I know in the case of summer school guidance, Paula and Grace were privy to an initial draft. If I can be included on those documents I can hopefully try to raise concerns earlier etc to prevent any confusion.

Also, I spoke with Paula and Grace and the Commissioner and I was planning to join the Wed and Sunday calls with the larger group. I hope that is OK. Dan, can you include me on the invites for those?

Again, this is all an effort to try and make sure we remain aligned with the DOE and concerns are raised to minimize any conflict. I am happy to talk more anytime about all of this.

Thank you and please let me know if I can be helpful in any way.

Best,
John Kosinski
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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: District Tracking
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:02:18 AM
Attachments: [SCHOOLCLOSURE.TRACKING 3.27.xlsx](#)

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Dear Commissioner –

I am not sure if this is helpful to you or your team, but the MEA has been in regular contact with educators all over the state and we are tracking the conditions in schools across the state. Attached is a spreadsheet of every school district in the state and what they are reporting to us in terms of remote learning, nutrition services, etc.

Please be aware, this information may not be completely up to date. We have collected this information since the beginning of school closures and we know there has been daily progress in most schools on how to educate kids in the middle of a public health crisis.

I expect we will want a refresh of this in the coming days and weeks. If there are specific things you would like us to ask in the next round of updates to this spreadsheet, please let me know.

Best

JK

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Draft MEA Statement
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:24:34 AM

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COVID-19 Hourly Pay UPDATE 3/20/2020

During this difficult time, MEA has been working to ensure our hourly employees continue to get paid. Last night, 3/20/2020, Governor Mills issued an Executive Order **requiring school districts to continue to pay their hourly employees for the remainder of the school year**. MEA had been advocating for this measure and is grateful the Governor has put this provision in place.

This executive order protects your pay for what would be your normal, regular hours if the school year was not impacted by COVID-19.

Your scheduled hours during the school closure and what work is performed, absences and sick leave are all decided locally per contract or by agreement.

MEA is recommending your local association work to develop a written agreement to address COVID-19 closure related issues. Local associations should expect more guidance on these issues soon.

If you have specific questions, please contact MEA immediately: <https://maineea.org/coronavirus/>
Stay Strong and Stay Safe,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Draft proposal for Health and Safety Committees
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:14:41 PM
Attachments: [Health and Safety Committees DRAFT PROPOSAL May 12.docx](#)

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Good evening,

Paula and I have mentioned a couple of times the idea of each district having a "Health and Safety Committee". I am attaching a draft of what we have been envisioning. Since the large group working on reopening won't be meeting tomorrow, would this group be open to spending some time in that freed up slot to talk about this idea?

Let me know and I can send out a Teams meeting invitation.

A reporter has reached out to us (and likely to some of you, I imagine) to talk and I plan to be mention our idea of having local committees that would include the various stakeholders to address the needs specific to that local, so I wanted to at least share a draft of our idea with you.

Hope we can talk tomorrow.

Have a good evening,

Grace

From: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
To: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Paula Voelker](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: EO FAQ 2.docx
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:28:12 PM
Attachments: [EO FAQ 2.docx](#)

Good afternoon folks

We have been working with GOV office on FAQ for the Executive Order, please take a look and let me know your feedback.

Best,
Kelli

From: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#); [Paula Voelker](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#); [Vicki Wallack](#)
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Subject: EO FAQ 2.docx
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:17:59 PM
Attachments: [EO FAQ 2.docx](#)

Approved and going out now.

THANK YOU ALL. Truly. Great work.

From: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhata, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Jill Adams](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eking](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [mhaney@mdirss.org](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Megan Welter](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#)
Subject: Ed Orgs - Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:30:47 PM

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Good Afternoon,

The subcommittee set-up last week to discuss some issues related to the end of the school year met last week Friday and today. The participants were Steve, Eileen, Holly, Grace and me. My apologies in advance if I missed anyone who had said they wanted to be on the subcommittee – any exclusion was not intentional!

Following is what we have reached as common understandings we support and we believe address needs in the field. We'd like to discuss at our 5pm meeting today, if possible. We are hopeful that this will have the full support of the rest of the Ed Orgs group.

- We understand that some school districts and local associations have already come to mutual agreements regarding the end of the school year, for those that have not yet come to agreement, we offer the following.
- We recognize school districts are making adjustments to the end of the school year with the best of intentions. The exact approach each district takes will vary based on the different needs, specific circumstances, culture, relationships, etc.
- In all instances where a change is considered, the school district and the local association should be in communication and seek to collaborate around any changes. We encourage both parties to be reasonable with each other and work together to come up with ways to best address the changes given this extraordinary situation.
- If remote instruction ends earlier than planned for students in the original school calendar, we encourage the school district and local association to come to a mutual agreement as to what happens. If it is mutually agreed to convert any of the reduced instruction days into workshop days, such days should be collaboratively planned with teachers to be meaningful and address needs for closing out this school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year. It may also be the case that days otherwise normally worked are mutually agreed to be waived given the circumstances.
 - In all instances, the [DOE's Priority Notice "Unified Guidance Regarding Executive Orders and School Personnel: All School Services and Employees are Essential"](#) should continue to be followed, including "...physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distancing and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented..."
- Support staff who usually only work on student days, are held harmless and paid for the days

they would have otherwise worked should the school year not have been impacted by any changes due to COVID-19. (See Governor's Executive Order) Any non-student focused work that might be determined should be meaningful and address immediate needs for closing out the school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year.

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- Retiring educators should be held harmless for any workshop days moved from this year to the next. Steps should be taken to make sure future MainePERS benefits are not negatively impacted by ensuring that pay is not shifted from this school year to the next school year.
- The school district and local association should come to an agreement that addresses any changes to the beginning of the new school year that would impact new educators hired over the summer, such as additional workshop days added to the start of the next school year.
- Any agreements should not establish any precedent given the extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- In the interest of transparency and clarity, we strongly recommend that the parties document any agreement by taking notes that include the date of the conversation/meeting, who participated in the conversation/meeting, what was discussed and what was agreed to. The notes should be shared with the parties so as to confirm mutual understanding and to address any misunderstandings, if they exist, as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

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Subject: Ed. Orgs. Check-in Review summer guidance (EMBARGOED DRAFT)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:53:00 PM
Attachments: [Summer School Guidance \(nurses" recommendations with partial edit\).docx](#)

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: End of Year MEA Webinar
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:31:53 AM

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Hi Commissioner –

I hope you are well and I hope you had an awesome weekend.

The MEA is considering an end of school year webinar with MEA members to thank them for all their efforts during this crisis, and to start thinking about a reopening of schools in the Fall. We are getting a lot of questions from our members about this, and while it is still too early to tell, we intend to encourage our members to get involved in the discussion locally in their schools, while also celebrating the role they played over the past few months. I expect a large turnout of members.

Would you be willing and able to join us for this webinar? We would love to have you join us and we know our members like hearing from you.

We are thinking of hosting this on Monday June 15th at 7pm or Wednesday June 17th at 7pm.

Please let me know if you would like to join us for this. I envision a similar presentation to the last one we did together. I have an agenda ready as well that I can share.

Best,

John Kosinski

M: 207.458.1312

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Essential Definition, Unemployment, Other Issues Popping Up in the Field
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:43:45 PM
Attachments: [Essential Definition.docx](#)

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Dear Commissioner and Kelli-

I had a chat with Kelli this morning regarding a few issues with the Priority Notice sent out on Friday. There are a few issues that are starting to raise concerns in the field, and I wanted to talk with both of you with the hope we can be on the same page.

Attached is something we would like to send out to members but wanted to talk with you all first before doing that.

Here are the major concerns that are bubbling up:

What is an essential school employee?

The Priority Notice says all public-school employees are essential. As we know, schools are interpreting the current executive order in various ways, and some are still requiring hourly employees to report to school to perform mundane or nonessential tasks. For example, the bus drivers in Auburn are not MEA members but they tell us they are cleaning the buses every day. They think it is "busy work" and not necessary.

The Homeland Security guidance that was included in the Governor's Executive Order #19 throws a wide net and lists school employees as essential if they are "facilitating distance learning or participating in other essential functions." While we agree this could be broad, we are not sure that all current functions in schools are "essential" – the bus washing example is one of them.

Within this we are seeing districts all over the place in how they are interpreting the Governor's Executive Order regarding hourly employees. Some are paying hourly employees and treating the time as "paid leave" if they are not in an "essential function" – some ed techs, bus drivers, etc.

Others are requiring employees to do something in order to get paid. Within that group, some are afraid to go to work because they may be high risk, or they may live with/care for someone in a high-risk category. In most of these cases, the person can use accrued sick leave or district sick leave banks, but not always. The original guidance the Dept shared on this issue stated that employees could then access sick leave and then unpaid leave. I regret asking to have that removed, because now it appears some districts are refusing the unpaid leave option. If an employee could access his/her own sick leave, and then unpaid leave as a last resort, they could at least apply for unemployment benefits . . . which gets us to the next issue.

Unemployment:

The Priority Notice states:

School employees will not qualify for unemployment under the recent expansion and should not apply for these benefits. If they have received these benefits, they will be required to repay this to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

We do not believe this is accurate. We believe the provisions of the Federal bill includes public sector workers including school employees. If an employee is put on unpaid leave or is laid off, we believe they should be eligible for unemployment compensation.

We have gotten a few notices about "RIFs" in the coming weeks. One was at Thornton Academy, which was not covered by the Governor's executive order. We think workers that are legitimately laid off or put on an unpaid leave should be eligible for unemployment and we hope to learn more why the Dept thinks they may not be eligible. (I hope the information in the Priority Notice was just too broad and not inclusive of all scenarios).

Lastly, we are starting to hear some districts say they only intend to pay people through April. After that some have said they are unsure, and others said school employees should not expect to be paid after April. This has started to be an issue in MSAD 58, and some smaller districts in Aroostook and York counties, among others. Obviously, we believe the money is in the budget for the current school year and we hope everyone will be paid for the full school year. Some districts are starting to predict curtailments of state aid for schools in the future – but we are trying to convey that the current state budget at least includes an increase in funding for schools next school year.

Some others are saying they are going to cut the school year short and then reduce pay for teachers and hourly staff. If this happens it could also set off a surge of unemployment claims among educators, particularly hourly staff. We will need to watch this closely. This issue is a mandatory subject of bargaining – at least how it impacts the wages of educators. Our guidance will likely be that if a district attempts to reduce pay and/or benefits due to a shortened school year, the financial impact on educators will need to be negotiated.

But again, all of this is our current thinking and we look forward to chatting more with you about this.

Best,

JK

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To: [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
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Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:37:03 AM

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta –

FYI – I was not sure if I was invited to the Returning to School Task Force, but I see I was included in a group in an email you sent yesterday. I am excited to participate but I will need a link to join. Can you help me with that?

Thank you and have a great day.

Best,

JK

From: Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:15 PM
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Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: FW: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force

Hi John,

Please see below. You are included in the small groups, but I did not see your name within the emails.

Thanks,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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Subject: RE: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force

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Good evening, we are looking forward to our meeting tomorrow. Below are the agenda and Zoom instructions for the meeting. You may wish to familiarize yourself with both the CDC guidance, as well as the framework (links embedded below) before the meeting! Thanks in advance, ~Dan

AGENDA

Welcome: 10 min

Small Group work: 60ish minutes (groups randomly created based on last meeting's attendance... others will be added in!)

Group 1 (Parts I and IV):

- Steve Bailey, Karen Kusiak, Tammy Ranger, Paula Voelker, Jill Adams, Jessica Nixon, Janette Kirk, Mike Bisson, Rich Meserve, Gail Senese,

Group 2 (Parts II and III):

- Matt Haney, Grace Leavitt, Rob Susi, Joanne Allen, Beth Lambert, Eileen King, Dwight Littlefield, Tyler Backus, Pam Ford-Taylor, Shelly Lane, Roy Fowler,

Group 3 (Parts II and III):

- Stephanie Fyfe, Shelly Mogul, Mike Burnham, Emily Poland, Cheryl Mercier, John Kosinski, Jaci Holmes, Lee Anne Larsen, Walter Beesley, Erin Frazier, Angel Loreda

Group 4 (Parts I and IV):

- Courtney Belolan, Vicki Wallack, Holly Couturier, Page Nichols, Roberta Lucas, Megan Welter, Jonathan Shapiro, Janet Rivard, Charlotte Ellis, Mary Adley, Michael McQuarrie

Groups 1 and 4 with Part IV will need to brainstorm ideas rather than review!

Round 1: 30 minutes

1. Select a recorder and reporter
2. Focus on the first Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
 1. Use the [CDC Guidance](#) as a lens to review and discuss the first assigned Part
 2. Review the comments submitted on the first assigned Part, and discuss

Round 2: 30 minutes

1. Focus on the second Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
 1. Use the [CDC Guidance](#) as a lens to review and discuss the second assigned Part
 2. Review the comments submitted on the second assigned Part, and discuss

Whole Group work: 40 minutes

1. Part by Part report out and discussion

Conclusion and Next steps: 10 minutes

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

Deputy Commissioner

Maine Department of Education

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Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Planning Team Mtg. for Resuming Classroom-Based Instruction

Time: Apr 29, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
Subject: FW: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT
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Attachments: [8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT.docx](#)

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Kelli –

I realize I may have been negligent in alerting Deputy Commissioner Chuhta to the webinar we are hosting with Commissioner Makin tonight. Would love to have you both join us if you are able – but no worries if you are unable. We expect about 200 educators to join us tonight and the agenda is attached.

Just let us know if you want to join and we can be sure to get you a link.

Best,
Jk

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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:30 PM
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Subject: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT

Hi Commissioner –
Quick update on the webinar tomorrow night . . .

We sent the invite last night. So far we have about 250 registrations, but we intend to send another reminder tomorrow. I predict about 300 attendees on the line.

I know there are other meetings happening tomorrow night – including another protest in Auburn around the reopening plan there.

Attached is a DRAFT agenda for our webinar tomorrow night. It has Grace opening up and then giving you a few minutes to share what you would like to share. As I mentioned earlier, we have a growing anxiety and frustration as we get closer to back to school in a lot of communities. We will be sure to steer away from any questions that may place you in a position to judge a local plan.

I have included in the agenda and pasted below some sample questions. These questions have come up from members and we expect will come up again tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Question – will Kelli be joining us tomorrow night? Do you want anyone else from the Dept to join? So far I believe only you and me and Grace have panelist links but we can include others if you like.

And reminder, you should have already received a link for the zoom from MEA Webconference. You will get an email with the link again about an hour before the zoom webinar tomorrow night. Please join on via the panelist link by 645pm so we can review, adjust microphone and cameras, and make sure we are set for a 7pm start.

Thank you again for all you do and for joining us on this webinar.

Best,
JK

Key Questions for Webinar:

- a. Ventilation: Many educators have expressed concern about the antiquated or faulty ventilation systems in our schools. Scientists and doctors have warned about proper ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID 19. As we know, some classrooms do not even have windows. There is not a lot of guidance in the DRAFT Framework concerning appropriate ventilation systems. And while this may be less of a concern in September, when we can open windows and get fresh air. Replacing or updating ventilation systems can be expensive. What are you and the Dept telling school districts that need to consider when it comes to proper ventilation and air flow in our schools?
- b. Temperature Checks: We know the American Academy of Pediatrics has cautioned against temperature checks before entering a school, but many educators have told us they would feel more comfortable if we had some temperature checks in place. Some are deeply concerned about the ability for parents or students themselves to self-check for symptoms. Are you opposed to school districts starting temperature checks for students and staff before entering school or getting on a bus?
- c. Keeping Bus Drivers Safe: The MEA has had an uptick in concern among bus drivers. Some districts have started to say they can have full bus runs, and spacing students 6 feet part on the bus is not "feasible." What are you and the Dept advising school departments to do when it comes to transporting students to school while keeping bus drivers and students safe?
- d. Masks Breaks: We are hearing concerns from the field that some schools may allow students to take "mask breaks" but there is no definition of a mask break. Will the Dept provide guidance or feedback to districts about what is a mask break and how it should be conducted?
- e. Enforcement and Compliance: Some educators have written in that they are deeply concerned about any lack of enforcement or compliance with the plans they have adopted. What should educators do if they see students and/or staff continually not following the 6 safety requirements?
- f. 3 feet vs 6 feet: Lots of educators are very concerned about the requirement to maintain 6 feet of distance among adults, but only 3 feet among students. Why was that decision made? Shouldn't we insist on maintaining 6 feet of distance between all people, including students?
- g. Cleaning: In May, there was a lot of talk about the need for more custodians to help keep our schools clean. Now, many plans have the teachers cleaning their own classrooms between classes. What are you seeing around the state and do you have a recommendation for teachers who are now forced to conduct the cleaning of their classrooms and workspaces, among the many other facets of their jobs?
- h. Childcare for Educators: This issue continues to be a struggle for educators across the state. Many educators have children and their children may attend school in a different district where they work. Yet some schools are requiring teachers to be in their classroom even when providing remote instruction. What are you seeing in districts to address the childcare crisis for educators and what should districts do to alleviate this concern of educators who are also parents?

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Hello all,

I just received this email. I attached the CDC safety guidelines. There are quite a few around schools. Jill



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CDC releases more extensive safety guidelines for schools

Matt Zalaznick

CDC's new coronavirus safety guidelines for schools include daily health screenings, face coverings for staff, social distancing in classrooms and how to close buildings if someone is infected. [Read More >>](#)

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Our latest update . . .

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COVID-19 3/18/2020 UPDATE

MEA understands as time passes, the number of questions you have regarding your jobs and your lives, in general, increases. MEA would like to let you know we are here to provide you some calm during this unprecedented storm. The Association is working around the clock to get the answers to as many questions as possible.

Here's what MEA knows as of 3/18:

1. Emergency legislation passed last night (3/17/2020) that allows for the Commissioner of Education to waive the mandated number of school days. Individual districts will need to apply for this waiver to the Department of Education.
2. The emergency legislation also mandates that nutrition services to students must continue when schools are closed due to COVID-19.
3. Schools will receive an additional \$63 million more in funding for the 2020-21 school year, giving peace of mind to school administrators and school boards that resources will be available.
4. MEA has been working with the Commissioner to ensure hourly employees are paid. Today, the Commissioner released the following regarding this issue: "We recommend that school districts continue to pay hourly staff (and there are many tasks that they could be performing (preparing meals, transporting food or educational materials, continuing to provide updated communication with the community, preparing student packets, assisting with online instruction ... etc.)

Salaries that were already included in school budgets should not create a significant additional/unplanned hardship, so we hope that school districts will continue to pay hourly workers."

5. The Department of Education also released the following information today: "DOE intends to pursue targeted 1-year waivers for the 95% participation requirement in assessment and for accountability measures like chronic absenteeism that would be impacted by the coronavirus."

6. Serving students with disabilities? Please see the guidance on the Maine DOE COVID webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>

The Association recognizes your value and is here to support you now and always. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. MEA is here for you.

Contact us: <https://maineea.org/coronavirus/>

Stay strong and stay safe,

Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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Final Version – just went out. Happy to talk more anytime you are free.

Best,
JK

From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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PLEASE READ THIS ALL THE WAY THROUGH, AS THERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THROUGHOUT.

As more school districts across the state begin to close to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Maine Education Association is working to ensure our students, school employees and all our families are both safe and taken care of during these unprecedented times. In addition to providing resources to support distance learning, the **MEA is advocating for several key items that both support our educators and students during this time. Below are the key issues the Association has either already accomplished or is working on to help our members and students**

Already Accomplished

1. MEA asked the Commissioner of Education, and she has agreed, to be very flexible in terms of waiving the number of required school days.
2. MEA asked the State to apply for a federal waiver to request the suspension of mandated standardized tests for this school year. It is not known yet if this waiver will be granted, but the request will be made. The U.S. Department of Education said it recognizes the extraordinary circumstances and will consider targeted one-year waivers of the assessment requirements as well as adjusted testing windows, when needed.

Advocating For

1. MEA is working with the superintendents' association to ensure all staff are paid, even if schools are closed-this is not guaranteed, but MEA is pushing for this to happen.
2. MEA is advocating for increased flexibility for remote learning days.
3. MEA is advocating for the use of virtual meetings for educators and pushing to keep educators out of buildings. This is not guaranteed, but MEA will push for this to become the new norm for the foreseeable future.

Guidance

1. MEA has not in any way condoned an arrangement where educators are in the buildings throughout the shutdown, regardless of what you are hearing from an administrator. If an administrator has created an arrangement in your district regarding your work that you do not find acceptable/comfortable, please contact MEA immediately. *Your working conditions are mandatory subjects of bargaining, and MEA is here to support you during this difficult time.*
2. MEA recommends you DO NOT agree to use sick time if you need to be out of work to care for a family member or if you are in a high-risk category.
3. MEA recommends if hourly employees are being asked to conduct duties outside of your normal duties that you agree to helping, but only if that duty seems reasonable. For example, an ed tech asked to help pack lunches, in a safe way with enough distance would seem reasonable. If you have a question about what seems reasonable, contact MEA immediately.

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The health and safety of our students and staff are our primary concerns during this difficult time. Part of ensuring our families stay healthy means also making sure our students have food to eat. For too many students, they rely on our hot breakfast and lunch programs in school. MEA encourages you to take care of each other and your neighbors during this time, in a safe way.

[If you need remote learning resources, MEA has compiled a list of those as well on our website.](#) In addition, if you need support to help deal with the stress of this situation, [the CDC provided this specific guidance.](#)

The Maine Department of Education has many resources as well (see below). In addition, MEA encourages you to sign up for the DOE updates, as this situation is changing regularly. [You can sign up for those notifications here.](#)

Remote Learning Resources

- [Guidance to Schools For Continuity of Education Plans/Remote School Days/School Day Waivers](#)
- [Continuity of Learning Resources](#)
- [Remote Learning Resources Primary Grades](#) - Credit: Maine Curriculum Leaders Association
- [Remote Learning Resources Upper Elementary Grades](#) - Credit: Maine Curriculum Leaders Association

These are challenging times and we are in uncharted territory. MEA appreciates your thoughtfulness to everyone's needs during this time. Please be safe, be kind, and reach out with your questions. MEA is here for you and advocating for our educators and students during this difficult time.

In Unity,

Grace-Leavitt-Signature_



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Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:22:23 AM

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Good morning – as we collect resources to help us craft plans to reopen – here is one more that may be helpful. This one speaks specifically to SEL concerns.

Steve

From: Adam Lustig via National School Boards Association [mailto:Mail@ConnectedCommunity.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:32 AM
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May 19, 2020 9:32 AM

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The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) has released a new brief to support reopening schools with SEL at the center. Social and emotional learning is critical to re-engaging students, supporting adults, rebuilding relationships, and creating a foundation for academic learning, especially in these unprecedented times. In response, CASEL released a new brief today, *An Initial Guide to Leveraging the Power of SEL as You Prepare to Reopen and Renew Your School Community*. School leaders can take action now using this guide to co-create supportive learning environments where all students and adults can enhance their social and emotional competencies, feel a sense of belonging, heal, and thrive.

This resource can be accessed here: [Leveraging SEL as you Reopen and Renew Your School Community](#). They are also working on a more comprehensive resource that the Center is assisting with which will be available in June.

Also, in partnership with NAESP, this Friday at noon central, CASEL will be joining principals to

review this new resource and discuss practical considerations for reentry as part their our [CASEL Cares Webinar Series](#). [Register here](#).

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Here is the next one. – Compilation of guides for planning to re-open schools.

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May 20, 2020 7:51 AM

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This link has a short compilation of some of the publications that have been released for the re-opening of schools.

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Good morning – this is a very well done piece related to the emotional needs of our teachers right now. Thought you would like seeing it.

Steve

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May 6, 2020 7:41 AM

[Adam Lustig](#)

Interesting article on how to support teachers and staff now. This is written by Marc Brackett, the founder of Yale's Center for Emotional Intelligence and RULER, whose resources have been previously shared.

[How to Support Teachers' Emotional Needs Right Now](#)

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Good morning again – we continue to receive many good resources from the Center for Safe Schools. Here is one more that utilizes Opportunity Labs that several states are using. I will be sending in the next email a listing of other resources other states are using.

Steve

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A roadmap of essential actions to help district and school leaders plan and implement a safe, efficient, and equitable return to school from the Opportunity Labs Initiative.

<https://returntoschoolroadmap.org/>

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Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:00:57 AM

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From: Adam Lustig via National School Board Association [mailto:Mail@ConnectedCommunity.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Steve Bailey
Subject: Center for Safe Schools : Teens behind notOK App will award Class of 2020 with \$20,000 in Cash Grants

Center for Safe Schools

Good morning,

You may be interested in this link and connection to the work of these two students, and you may want to pass the article along to social workers, school counselors, and teachers who are working with students during this time of no in-classroom instruction. Charlie created the NotOk App after his sister Hannah attempted to take her own life. They have turned their support efforts into making sure students needing connections can get them through the app. In the linked article they are highlighted as to providing funds to help teens connect and get important supplies that they need. I saw these two young people in Washington in February. They are incredible and are so focused on helping others avoid the challenges they went through.

Hope your day goes well.

Steve

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Highlighting a positive article on the work of high school students, Charlie and Hannah Lucas, founders of the NotOk App. Charlie and Hannah have presented

at NSBA's CUBE Conference and Equity Symposium.

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Adam Lustig
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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:20:55 AM

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Good morning – I am sure you are receiving these type of information bulletins from your organizations as well; however, these two seemed particularly noteworthy. Have a good Tuesday.
Steve

From: Adam Lustig via National School Board Association [mailto:Mail@ConnectedCommunity.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Steve Bailey
Subject: Center for Safe Schools : What Will It Take For Schools to Reopen?

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These articles discuss considerations for districts to understand when determining when and how to reopen schools:

www.forbes.com/sites/frederickhess/2020/04/01/...

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2020-04-15/san-diego-unified-district-physician-suggests-schools-will-re-open-gradually-with-distancing-face-masks>

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To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [steve.bailey](#); [Eking](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: FW: Corona Virus Information and Resources
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:22:04 PM

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Commissioner,

We sent out the message below to members (which includes your information from the DOE as one of the links) just to help share information to folks. I am now starting to get specific questions re: the possibility of school closings, etc.

It might be good to discuss this as a group, if that is possible?

Grace

From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 7:01 AM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: Corona Virus Information and Resources

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While at this time Maine has no confirmed cases associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the MEA wanted to provide you with the most up-to-date information and resources available to inform and protect everyone in our public schools, colleges and universities. Schools and school districts will want to collaborate with state and local health departments to update emergency operations plans in the event of a pandemic.

MEA encourages you to read this information, consult your collective bargaining agreement and work with your district to create shared understandings and agreements about employment actions related to possible effects of the virus in the event of an outbreak in your area.

Fact Sheets, Updates and Guidance from School Nurses Association

[This fact sheet](#) provides answers to common questions about the 2019 novel coronavirus

[Full Message from the Maine Department of Education](#)

[CDC updates](#)

[Message to school nurses from the National Association of School Nurses](#)

[Information from MEABT and Anthem](#)

Resources to clean schools and prevent the spread of illnesses

[Find additional CDC resources on how to clean and disinfect schools](#)

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This situation is changing daily, if you have questions, please reach out to your UniServ Director.

In Unity,

*Grace Leavitt, President
Maine Education Association*

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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: FW: Governor Mills Launches New Online Resource Outlining Ways Mainers Can Help Mainers During COVID-19 Pandemic
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:13:59 AM

Good morning folks- per the conversation Wednesday, here is a way for people who want to offer support to volunteer-

From: Governor Janet Mills <Governor@subscriptions.maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: Governor Mills Launches New Online Resource Outlining Ways Mainers Can Help Mainers During COVID-19 Pandemic

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March 27, 2020

In response to the extraordinary generosity of Maine people, businesses, and organizations looking to help during these challenging times, Governor Janet Mills today launched a new online resource, coronavirus.maine.gov/mainehelps, to outline ways in which Maine people can support efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The kindness and generosity of Maine people during this challenging time is nothing short of inspiring. I want to thank all of you for stepping up with innovative solutions to ensure your neighbors and fellow citizens have what they need,” said Governor Mills. “This resource will help those looking to lend a hand and encourage more Maine people to target their skills, resources, and time in the most effective and safe ways to do the most good for our state.”

The new resource, which will be updated regularly, outlines four predominate ways Maine people can address immediate needs: 1) financial assistance; 2) health care and medical assistance; 3) small business assistance; and 4) connections with family, friends, and neighbors.

Extending Financial Support:

The Governor is encouraging people to direct financial support to the state’s nine United Ways, which administers local relief funds for COVID-19 to support critical needs such as food and shelter. Details about those funds are available at: unitedwaysofmaine.org/covid.

“These funds are a concrete way for people in Maine to donate to the county or counties that they wish to support,” said Joleen Bedard, executive director of the United Way of Androscoggin County and president of the United Ways of Maine. “Mainers are generous, and the United Ways of Maine greatly appreciate their support as we respond to the emergency needs of people in our community.”

The Governor is also encouraging Maine people to look to the Maine Community Foundation, which is distributing grants from a statewide emergency response fund to regional and community-based nonprofits, area agencies on aging, community action programs, homeless shelters, and food pantries that are responding to COVID-19. Details are available at: mainecf.org/initiatives-impact/COVID-19-response/

“While all Maine people are responding to challenges from COVID-19, for some it is a matter of actual survival,” said Steve Rowe, president of the Maine Community Foundation. “If ever there was a time to help our vulnerable neighbors, this is it.”

Supporting the Health Care and Medical Response:

- The Governor is encouraging Maine people to donate certified medical supplies, like Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), through [THIS ONLINE FORM](#). While Governor Mills deeply appreciates Maine people who have volunteered to make masks, the Maine CDC is not recommending that health care providers use donated homemade masks at this time because they may not meet certification standards.
- The Governor is encouraging medical providers and public health professionals with requisite medical experience to volunteer through MaineResponds.org.
- The Governor also encourages Maine people to donate blood via the [American Red Cross of Maine](#), which is experiencing a critical shortage of blood donations.

Supporting Local Small Businesses:

- Small businesses are the backbone of Maine’s economy, and COVID-19 is taking a serious toll on them. The Governor encourages Maine people to safely support local businesses through efforts like [PayItForwardMaine](#) while being mindful of crucial physical distancing guidelines and using online transactions or pickup and delivery services.

Mainers Connecting With Mainers:

- Most importantly, Governor Mills encourages all Maine people to ensure the COVID-19 epidemic does not also become an epidemic of loneliness, as the imperative of physical distancing to combat the spread of this virus keeps families, friends and neighbors apart for extended periods of time.

While keeping physical distance is paramount, now is the time to strengthen and renew social bonds with friends, family and community. Make a phone call. Use video tools, like FaceTime or Zoom, to have face-to-face conversations. Connect on social networks to engage with your community and identify businesses or other services you may need or wish to support.

For additional information and resources, and to stay informed on the latest updates on Maine’s response to COVID-19, visit <http://coronavirus.maine.gov/>

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To: [Megan Jirlekar](#); [Jonathan, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Katiee Anne Bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chulita, Daniel](#); [Devenau, Kelli](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); [Holly Courrier](#)
Subject: FW: Health and Safety Council discussion
Start: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:00:00 PM
End: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:00:00 PM
Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84912603014?pwd=NklsSWdPQW9hVjZlMmVWLS1hc1hQT09>

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <glavitt@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Vanille, Paul [ME]; Eking, Steve Bailey; Makin, Pender; Chulita, Daniel; Devenau, Kelli; Jill Adams; Cheryl Mercier; Courtney Belolan; Shelly Mogul; Holly Courrier
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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [steve.bailey](#); [Jill Adams](#)
Subject: FW: Health and Safety Task Force: First Question
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:00:15 PM

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Hi—This went out today. The Superintendent was in that school the first day knowing that this would be a challenge. This is day five for Portland and like all other districts, there are always things to work out. He is using the equipment that was distributed by the DOE-- so the quality of that equipment is not his to own, but is committed to getting anyone whatever equipment they need to feel safe.

Eileen

From: Xavier Botana <botanx@portlandschools.org>
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 12:40 PM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Subject: Fwd: Health and Safety Task Force: First Question

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From: **Aaron Townsend** <townsaa@portlandschools.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 11:24 AM
Subject: Re: Health and Safety Task Force: First Question
To: von Glinsky, Stephanie [ME] <SvonGlinsky@maineea.org>
Cc: Carrie Foster <president@portlandea.com>, Xavier Botana <botanx@portlandschools.org>, Barbara Stoddard <stoddb@portlandschools.org>, Charles Marengi <marenc@portlandschools.org>

Hi all,

Thanks for forwarding the concerns regarding the Beach program. Please see the updates below regarding the issues that have been raised as we continue to work to support a safe program for students and staff.

1. PPE--We are unclear about the specific needs regarding PPE that are indicated. Our understanding is that we have provided all of the required PPE and conducted a heightened PPE training with the school nurse and district nursing coordinator. Please see an email thread pasted below that indicates a recent communication with staff in the program and requests to let staff know if they need anything additionally. Program staff has not indicated any additional requests. We would request that you support the communication on this issue with staff by asking them to communicate PPE requests to the nurse as soon as possible so that we can procure any additional supplies. If there are specific requests for specific items, we welcome that input (ie as specific as ordering info

for face shields or gowns that might request).

2. Physical Distancing--We understand and recognize the expectations regarding physical distancing as they apply to all students and staff. In the context of this program, we also share an understanding that they will need to be in closer proximity to students more frequently because of the nature of the program and student needs. This is why we have provided and procured the heightened PPE to ensure staff safety.
3. Mask Compliance--The guidance provided to staff has been to have at least four sessions of data collection before initiating an IEP team meeting regarding mask compliance. Staff has begun to schedule IEP meetings for students who have not shown sufficient progress in their mask compliance to identify the individual issues and strategies to support the student and ensure safety. Remote learning is one strategy that may be considered by the IEP team, but those will be decisions made through the IEP process and with that team as it relates to individual student needs and situations. There is an IEP meeting today for a student who has had a particularly difficult time so that there is a plan in place prior to resuming school on Thursday. In terms of the breakout room that is being used, OAES exceeds the numbers of air exchanges per hour, and on top of this, we have added the additional HEPA filter.

Again, please let us know if there are specific PPE needs that staff is communicating to you so that these can be filled, and we will continue to use the IEP process to address mask compliance issues as we move forward. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks

Aaron

From: [Steve Bailey](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Eileen King](#); ["Courtney Belolan"](#); ["Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]"](#); ["Voelker, Paula \[ME\]"](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Vicki Wallack](#)
Subject: FW: Inquiry regarding 4th COVID-19 Support Package to provide assistance to public schools and other questions
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:26:48 PM
Attachments: [06.19.20 Ltr to Leadership Re Education Stabilization Fund.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

I have been in touch with the Congressional Delegation today, urging them to continue to support additional funding for public schools, to correct Secretary DeVos' interpretation of the Equitable funding of the CARES Act, and to support additional funding for Broadband/Internet access. Senator's King's staff responded right away with a recent letter Senator King had crafted and sent to Senate Leadership. If you haven't seen it, I thought you'd be interested. It touches on many of the points we all have been discussing throughout these last few weeks. Now, if only the Senate can see its way to passing more educational relief for the schools.

Have a great afternoon.

Steve

From: Kane, Sanjay (King) [mailto:Sanjay_Kane@king.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Steve Bailey; Durost, Kate (King)
Cc: Lachman, Adam (King)
Subject: RE: Inquiry regarding 4th COVID-19 Support Package to provide assistance to public schools and other questions

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Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#)
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From: Stephanie Eglinton <info@mekids.org>
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To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: MCA Stands in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter

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The Maine Children's Alliance stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and the protests against police brutality and institutional racism. We recognize that it is impossible to meet our mission to promote policies and practices so that *all* Maine children and families thrive, when racist systems deny opportunity for Black people in our communities.

We believe all of Maine's children have the same right to grow up in communities of love and acceptance, that foster their growth and prosperity. There is no simple, quick fix to the deeply rooted racism embedded in our systems and institutions, but we are committed to working alongside people of color in our state to dismantle and transform those inequitable systems.

Through the policy, data, and advocacy work that we do, MCA is committed to exposing and acting on the disparities facing children and families of color in our state. We acknowledge that racism attacks every part of our society, creating inequalities in education, health, criminal justice, and employment. This deprives children and families of color the equal opportunity to achieve health, safety and prosperity.

We hope you will join us in the work to effect change right now. What each of us does will look different, but every anti-racist action is important. Listen to the lived experiences of Black people. Join a protest, or support them from home. Fill out your census. Call your local and state representatives and tell them how much this issue matters to you. Register, and then vote to elect leaders who will work to eliminate laws and policies that perpetuate racism. And perhaps most importantly, talk to your children and families about how systemic racism hurts us all, and how each of us can be a part of changing those systems for the better.

These protests are a visible and visceral symptom that the disease of systemic and historic racism can no longer be ignored. It is only through focused, long-term engagement at all levels of our society, that we can hope to root out racism and transform systems to truly give every child the opportunity to reach their full potential. We are more deeply committed than ever to the cause of racial justice. Now it's time to act.

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Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: FW: MEDIA RELEASE: Maine Schools Providing Meals to Students During Closures; Interactive Map Now Available
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:44:31 PM

FYI sent as media release and on our social media feeds.

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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Kelli Deveaux, DOE Director of Communications, kelli.deveaux@maine.gov

Maine Schools Providing Meals to Students During Extended Remote Learning; Interactive Map Now Available

The Maine Department of Education has developed an interactive map of Maine SAUs and community partners that are providing food and meals to students during extended remote learning. We are asking Maine media outlets to please share this information.

Through a [waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA), the Maine Department of Education is able to extend the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) allowing school districts and community partners to provide meals to students during extended remote learning due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Through the SFSP, 160 district and community partners are preparing and providing meals and food for children. School districts and communities statewide are implementing many

different methods to ensure every child (ages 0 – 18) in need of food is nourished during the current suspension of classroom-based instruction. These include approved locations for meal pick-up, utilizing bus routes to deliver meals, and providing baskets of food to families.

“Maine schools are going above and beyond to make sure that their students have access to food while schools are utilizing remote learning,” said Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin. “District and school leaders, teachers, and staff have collaboratively worked to meet the needs of students during this difficult and uncertain time, and we are so impressed with how quickly and efficiently it has all come together.”

The Department’s child nutrition team is processing SFSP applications on an ongoing basis. All school districts that are approved or in progress are serving meals. Many school districts that are ineligible (do not meet the 50% or more students receiving free or reduced lunch threshold) to participate in a SFSP have successfully partnered with regional school districts and community organizations to serve food to children. The interactive map will be updated daily. [The interactive map of schools providing meals can be viewed here.](#)

Districts interested in applying for the SFSP can do so by contacting the [Maine DOE’s Child Nutrition Team](#).

“It doesn’t stop there. Many, if not most of our schools are distributing continued learning materials, educational packets, and other learning opportunities that keep students engaged while they are at home,” added Makin.

The Maine DOE has been scheduling and hosting daily content and topic specific virtual meetings with educators all week to provide support and guidance regarding distance learning and school supports, and to help facilitate networking and resource sharing between educators. [Sessions are updated regularly on this webpage.](#)

For details, regarding which meal option(s) is/are available in your community, please reach out to your local school district.

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Subject: FW: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:42:16 AM
Attachments: [PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx](#)

Having the document attached, probably helpful.

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Subject: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx

Good balmy afternoon folks!

Please see attached for what we hope is our final edit for the screening guidance. We did incorporate some of the language we discussed in the return to school setting conversation Wednesday and the comments we have received.

We hope to discuss Sunday, and release to superintendents that evening, and the general public on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend all,
Kelli

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Subject: FW: PRIORITY NOTICE: Update from Commissioner Makin 3-27-20- link included
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:53:54 PM

I found the missing link! Heee heee heee
Sorry, it's been a long week.

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PRIORITY NOTICE: Update from Commissioner Makin 3-27-20

Thank you for all you're doing to support your students and staff!! The pressures on school and district leaders are immense under normal circumstances, and this is magnified to the extreme during a historic, prolonged, emergency situation. Your visionary and steadfast leadership is deeply appreciated, as we recognize that there are daunting obstacles to providing remote instruction and that the inequities are huge.

Because the provision of public education is a covenant between the schools and the communities they serve here in Maine, we've asked that you obtain school board approval for your plans for offering continuity of education. Each SAU must have a plan for providing for remote learning, and should be scalable in the event of a longer cessation of classroom instruction.

We are waiving the practice of obtaining DOE approval of these plans as a condition of the minimum school days waiver, and are only asking that you [send us the minutes](#) from the meetings where your plans are approved by the local school boards.

Frequently asked questions and recent updates:

Does each district have to separately request a waiver of the minimum number of school days?

We are planning to universally waive the minimum number of school days for all SAUs who receive local school board approval for continuity of education plans. The expectation is that 100% of SAUs are making every attempt to provide continuing educational services for all students. No separate application for the waiver is necessary; simply upload the minutes of the school board meeting where your plans are approved [here](#).

(All who have previously emailed your school board approval minutes are all set!! We simply added this link for convenience and consistency).

If our SAU lacks resources, connectivity, etc., how can we offer remote learning?

We are hearing from many teachers and school leaders from less advantaged communities who are providing some really exciting educational experiences and opportunities for students and who have expressed a desire to share their approaches and plans with others. Daily office hours with our content specialists offer ongoing opportunities for educators to share their innovative approaches, challenges, and successes with one another. If you would like to connect with and learn from others, please reach out to our Chief Innovation Officer Page Nichols at page.nichols@maine.gov, who can help to find the right partnerships for guidance or resources.

Which school staff members are essential and should continue to be paid?

All school employees are considered to be “essential” under the Governor’s more recent Executive Order #19, and should be expected to complete all duties and tasks assigned to them. The Governor’s Executive Order #15 requires SAUs to continue to pay all school employees who held contracts prior to the COVID-related disruption, including hourly workers. Further guidance can be [found here](#). Long term substitutes who held a contract that provided reasonable assurance of employment prior to this emergency situation would also qualify for ongoing payment and should be available to provide services as assigned. School employees will not qualify for unemployment under the recent expansion, and should not apply for these benefits. If they have received these benefits, they will be required to repay this to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

How do we get answers to our questions?

We are deeply committed to providing resources, guidance and updated information to our colleagues in education, and will continue to do so through our webpage and emails. But as you are holding regional or organizational meetings, we welcome the opportunity to hear and respond to the questions and concerns of your group. Please reach out to our Director of Communications Kelli Deveau at kelli.deveau@maine.gov, and she will coordinate to have

a member of the Commissioner's Office join your meeting. We cannot answer the questions we don't hear, and we truly want to support your work, so please know this is a genuine request and offer. We are here to help!

Finally – some really good news! The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act). The 3rd relief package will provide LEAs with a large amount of funding with significant flexibility in the use of these funds. This relief package passed unanimously in the Senate, and we expect a House vote and president signature sometime today. The turn-around time between now and when you'd likely receive the funding should be 8 weeks (30 days for us to update applications and 30 days for US ED to approve applications and send funding).

Thanks as always for all you do. Remember that our phenomenal team of specialists at DOE are here to assist you and your building leaders, educators, and staff!

Grateful for all you do to support your students, staff, and communities during this difficult time,

Pender



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Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:43:07 PM

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Sent to district, school, program leadership
FYI
Kelli

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This afternoon Governor Janet Mills announced pro-active steps to protect Maine residents by issuing guidance on social distancing as a means of slowing the spread of this virus.

The Maine Department of Education offers the following additional recommendations to administrators as you continue to adapt and plan:

- Continue the prevention strategies that include teaching, modeling and providing supplies needed to practice good hygiene:
 - o Wash hands often with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - o Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of in a trash can immediately
 - o Stay home if you are sick
 - o Wipe surfaces frequently
- Limit (cancel or postpone) mass gatherings that are not essential
- Postpone any non-essential out-of-state or international travel

- Review and revise attendance policies for students and staff that would discourage them from staying home if sick; consider starting or expanding a sick-leave bank
- Reduce group sizes within your schools where you can: examples may include classroom-based lunches, postponing assemblies, cancelling or rescheduling concerts and celebrations
- Continue to convene your safety team
- Involve your school boards and associations in considering the potential benefits and unintended consequences of significant decisions.

Please know that the Department of Education continues to advocate for Maine's public schools and we will continue to seek resources and support as you determine how best to care for your school communities. We know that public schools continue to be both the safest place for kids and a symbol of hope and resilience. Please continue to reach out to the Department, monitor our [webpage](#), and the Maine CDC [webpage](#).



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Subject: FW: PRIORITY NOTICE: FREE TRAINING for Comprehensive Emergency Operations Planning: A Framework for Fall 2020
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:58:51 AM

Good afternoon all,
FYI, Maine School Safety Center continues to reach out and offer support to SAUs in the development, revision and refinement of the Emergency Plans.
Sent broadly.
Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
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FREE TRAINING for Comprehensive Emergency Operations Planning: A Framework for Fall 2020

Maine Department of Education is proud to announce that our Maine School Safety Center Team will be hosting a series for all School Administrative Units (SAUs) and their Collaborative Planning Team members to create or review their Emergency Operations Plans. These plans should serve as the framework for any emergency planning and response effort, and requires a whole community approach. While it is still too early to finalize guidance for schools in Fall of 2020, by participating in this training, SAUs will be optimally positioned to apply forthcoming guidance to their existing frameworks.

This eight week series, beginning June 9 and occurring every Tuesday at 10:00 am, will walk participants through the comprehensive framework, from which all emergency response plans are built, and will include expert presenters for the individual topics and training that was developed by Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS).

Week 1: Overview of the Six Step Planning Process (1 hour)
Week 2: Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) (1 hour)
Week 3: Continuity of Operations Annex (1.5 hours)
Week 4: Recovery Annex (1.5 hours)
Week 5: Infectious Diseases Annex – broad coverage (1 hour)
Week 6: Integrating Disabilities (1.5 hours)
Week 7: Bereavement and Loss Annex (1.5 hours)
Week 8: Understanding Resilience and Developing a Self-Care Plan (1 hour)

Your Collaborative Planning Team should include your school nurse, administrators, educators, and representatives from transportation, food service, local emergency responders, and your local or regional community health experts, and we encourage you to share the registration with them.

When timely guidance for Fall 2020 is provided, additional training that builds upon this framework will be provided by Maine School Safety Center, and will ensure all SAUs have the necessary tools to make sound decisions for the safety and well-being of your school communities.

Please register in advance of the meeting, [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Contact hours will be available at the conclusion of the series.



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Maine School Safety Center Providing Resources and Support for SAUs

Dear Superintendents,

The Maine Department of Education School Safety Center (MSSC) team members have been working directly with state and county emergency management agencies to support schools during, and after, this pandemic. Their training and expertise may be of great assistance to you as you also consider response plans for COVID-19.

Last week, May 7, 2020, the SSSC team hosted a webinar that gave a basic review of Emergency Operations Plans (EOP), and specifically what an Infectious Disease plan should include and who should be involved in the plan development. This webinar was recorded and is available [here](#). Password: 1E?2!l&@

Other training webinars and resources are also available on the MSSC website, located [here](#).

In addition, The United States Department of Education's Office of Safe and Supportive Schools REMS (Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools) Technical Assistance

Center has prepared a free webinar based training, located [here](#), that will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. This training is a well thought-out and practical approach for our current challenge of planning for the reopening of our schools. This REMS training will greatly assist all school administrators in preparing for the following possible scenarios;

1. Schools resume classroom instruction (How will schools operate if the pandemic is ongoing?)
2. Schools continue remote instruction (How will continued remote learning be conducted?)
3. Schools resume classroom instruction, but must return to remote instruction again due to a resurgence of the virus.
4. Other, unforeseen situations

This week, the MSSC is hosting a webinar on "Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting During Remote Learning" scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at 10am. Please pass this along to your school administrators, school safety planners, social workers, first responders and administration, and school board members who may be interested. They can join through this ZOOM [link](#): Meeting ID: 831 5179 5975; Password: 8iAsS3 or by contacting Rob Susi, School Safety and Security Specialist, at Robert.w.susi@maine.gov.

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Fellow leaders—

I wanted you all to know you are more than welcome to join us on the Tele-Town Hall we have this evening for our members with the Commissioner and others from the DOE.

I imagine you're having your fill of 'zoom' meetings these days, but if not, feel free to listen in!

Thank you all for all the hard work you are doing—our meetings are definitely a bright spot in all of this!

Grace

From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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[Register for the Zoom Webinar with MEA and MDOE](#)

On Thursday, April 2nd at 7pm, MEA invites you to join MEA President Grace Leavitt as she welcomes Maine Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin and DOE staff to share the latest information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our students, educators and our school communities.

MEA has put together this live event to provide our members access to those who can directly answer some of the questions you may have as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. This tele-town hall will give members the opportunity to hear directly from the Commissioner and ask questions to our panel of experts. Please join us this Thursday at 7pm for this live event.

If you have a question you would like answered, you can ask it in advance of the event. [Please](#)

[submit the question here](#) and we will do our best to have it answered during the live event.

[This will be a Zoom Webinar.](#)

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We hope you can join MEA and MDOE tomorrow.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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Erin and Page –

Just wanted you both to know that we have started advertising with our members for the webinars on Monday (special ed with Erin) and Wednesday (remote learning with Page) to members. We also will begin promoting these webinars on our facebook page as well.

If you click on the “register” link in the email, it will take you to a page with a description and we have included bios and pics of both of you on the registration page. Please let us know if there are any issues. **HOWEVER, please do not register for the event.** Lee Pull, the IT Director for MEA, will be sending you a separate Zoom link that will allow you to have video and audio privileges during the webinar. You can expect an invite from Lee for the Zoom invitation.

We will talk more on Monday about each of these webinars.

Thank you for agreeing to do this and please reach out with any concerns.

Best,
John Kosinski
Mobile: 207.458.1312

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MEA will host **TWO** important webinars next week along with the Maine Department of Education. Please register separately for each webinar.

[Special Education and the COVID 19 Pandemic-an MEA and MDOE Webinar](#)

Please join MEA and the Maine Department of Education on Monday, April 13th at 7pm for a webinar regarding special education services during the COVID-19 pandemic. MEA and MDOE want to offer support regarding meeting the needs of our students who receive special education services. This webinar will address questions related to IEPs, flexibility, meeting student needs and more. Questions answered will help support both educators and parents during this time.

Erin Frazier, the Director of Special Services for the Maine Department of Education will be joining us to answer your questions.

[Register here for the *Special Education* webinar on Monday, April 13th.](#)

[Remote Learning and Digital Divides-an MEA and MDOE Webinar](#)

How Are Schools Coping with Remote Instruction?

Please join MEA and the Maine Department of Education on Wednesday, April 15th at 7pm for this hour-long webinar highlighting how districts are implementing remote learning. The MDOE will discuss ways it's addressing equity issues, share best practices and discuss ways to move forward through the rest of the remote school year. This webinar will help support all educators as we plan for the rest of the school year.

Page Nichols, the Chief Innovation Officer for the Maine Department of Education will be joining us to answer your questions as will Maine Teacher of the Year, Heather Whitaker.

[Register here for the *Digital Divide* webinar on Wednesday, April 15th.](#)

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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MEDIA RELEASE: Department of Education Fall 2020 Survey Data Released

Contact: [Kelli Deveaux](#)

August 12, 2020

Today, Maine Department of Education released the data received from over 40,000 parents, educators, and education leaders from across Maine.

On July 6, 2020 the Maine DOE released a series of surveys about the 2020 school year during COVID-19 as part of an ongoing effort to gather input from families, communities, educators, leaders, and educational stakeholders across Maine. This information was aggregated by an independent research group and reported to the DOE for consideration.

The DOE staff continue to have ongoing conversations with educational leaders, state leaders, and health experts to develop health markers and corresponding guidance to ensure the safe return to in-classroom instruction. It will also inform the technical assistance and supports that the DOE will provide to our school community members, including

educators, families and students.

Recognizing that the greatest value is in the feedback gathered locally, Collaborative Planning Teams for each school unit across the state have also facilitated the critically important local conversations as to the unique variables, resources and needs within each school community; the state and county data compiled from the DOE survey will be one of many resources that will guide the processes and decision making regarding instructional models for the 2020-2021 school year.

"I am extremely grateful to the tens of thousands of individuals across Maine who took the time to fill out these surveys," said Commissioner Pender Makin. "Their input is not only deeply appreciated, but it is critical as we further develop our guidance to schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and continue to have conversations with leaders across the state about education in Maine. We remain committed to providing support and leadership during these uncertain and unprecedented times."

Survey information by group, county and question, along with initial considerations and actions, can be found on the Department of Education webpage:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/fall2020survey>

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Subject: FW: [Test] MEDIA RELEASE: Maine High School Grads Celebrated As Part of National Telecast Tonight
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:34:47 AM

Please check out this amazing announcement and the unbelievable work our team put into making this happen.

What the media release doesn't say is that this was the brainchild of our very own Commissioner Makin, who got this ball rolling and got all 50 states to sign on.

And with a week turnaround time, many here at the DOE jumped into action, and I cannot even begin to thank them for all they did.

THANK YOU to MPA and MSSA for helping to get the message out!

Penny Henry, Charlotte Ellis and Jess Nixon helped to get every high school in main ON THE MAP, and all 13,800 seniors listed! There were more omissions, additions, prodding, pleading and last minute spreadsheets flying than I dare say, but they DID IT!

Mary Herman, Page Nichols, Rachel Paling and Sean Landry- this group found "speakers" hustled for video and then CREATED the final products, including the AMAZING webpage and the videos- Rachel and Sean are geniuses. Truly all the videos are worth the time to watch, but be sure to check out the one linked in this media release!! Thank you to Dwight Littlefield for helping us to find the amazing young woman who is part of the senior spotlight- she truly represents all that is amazing in our state and our graduates.

Have a beautiful weekend everyone,
Kelli

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Grads Celebrated As Part of National Telecast Tonight

Contact Information: Kelli Deveau at kelli.deveaux@maine.gov

May 16, 2020

Commissioner of Education Pender Makin is pleased to partner with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and XQ Institute in support of *Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020*, a one-hour, commercial-free primetime graduation special to be broadcast today, Saturday, May 16. During the broadcast, viewers will be directed to XQ's new [Rethink Together online forum](#), which will feature specific content for each state, including an amazing congratulatory message from some special guests, and a map of Maine that includes all Maine high schools and the names of their anticipated graduates.

"While this graduation season is like no other, the Class of 2020 shares this experience with 13,800 of their classmates across the State of Maine" said Commissioner Makin. "I am happy to be a part of a national celebration that honors the successes, accomplishments, and resilience of our high school seniors."

The national telecast will air on Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m. Eastern/Pacific/7 p.m. Central on more than 30 broadcast and cable networks and streaming services, as well as various social media platforms. Rodney Robinson, the 2019 National Teacher of the Year, joins a list of prominent leaders and entertainers in celebrating the Class of 2020. Led by XQ Institute, The LeBron James Family Foundation, and The Entertainment Industry Foundation, the special is being produced in partnership with a broad coalition of education, philanthropic, and corporate partners. In addition, corporate and philanthropic giving associated with #GraduateTogether will benefit DonorsChoose and America's Food Fund to help meet student needs in some of our nation's most underserved and under-resourced communities. Maine's webpage can be found [here](#), and be sure to check out the very special message on the page, or [here](#).

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Date: Thursday, July 2, 2020 1:50:42 PM

Good afternoon!

Please distribute this information broadly as we want to ensure everyone is aware of the survey's release next week.

Thank you everyone, have an amazing long weekend!

Kelli

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Mills Administration Updates COVID-19 School Health Advisory System

All counties remain green in second release of color designations that reflect relative COVID-19 risk by county to assist district leaders with school planning

AUGUSTA -- The Mills Administration today released an updated color coded Health Advisory System that classifies counties' relative risk of COVID-19 transmission by color for schools as they continue with their plans to deliver instruction and support students safely this fall.

The updated assessment released today showed that Maine's 16 counties continue to be designated "green," with no changes from [the initial launch of the system two weeks ago](#).

The Health Advisory System is a collaboration among the Maine Department of Education (DOE), the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). The classifications were

developed to categorize counties based on quantitative and qualitative data about COVID-19 including, but not limited to, recent data on case rates, positivity rates, and syndromic data (e.g., symptoms of influenza or COVID-19). This system categorizes counties by three-color based designations: red, yellow, and green.

The Health Advisory System categorizations are defined as follows:

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Regardless of their county's red, yellow, or green designation, districts must also meet the Requirements for Safely Opening Schools to protect the safety and well-being of staff, students, and families. They fall into six categories:

1. Symptom Screenings Before Coming to School
2. Physical distancing and school facilities
3. Masks/Face Coverings
4. Hand Hygiene
5. Personal Protective Equipment
6. Return to School After Illness

The Health Advisory System reflects ongoing analysis of evolving data and serves as one piece of information that school and district leaders can use to make decisions about how to deliver education this fall. It will be updated at 12:00 pm every other Friday, and can be found on the Maine DOE website in Part I of the Framework for Returning to Classroom Instruction: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-I>

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Mills Administration Secures WiFi & Learning Devices for 100 Percent of Maine Students Reporting a Need In Face of COVID-19's Impacts on Schools

AUGUSTA – Governor Janet Mills and Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin announced today that the Maine Department of Education has secured internet access and devices to facilitate at home learning for 100 percent of Maine school children for whom there was a reported need. The success comes as Maine educators have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and creativity in response to the suspension of classroom-based instruction as a result of COVID-19, providing invaluable and meaningful personal connection and assurance to students in a time of great uncertainty. However, it is still difficult for educators to offer equitable online learning opportunities without individual student internet access.

Through a combined effort with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, ConnectME, and business and philanthropic entities, the Maine Department of Education

(Maine DOE) has acquired 14,494 service contracts through three different service providers, nearly all of which are for WiFi-enabled Samsung Galaxy Tablets that can be used as learning tools and hotspots or hotspots only. Through one of the service providers, DOE was also able to order MiFi, a wireless router that acts as a mobile WiFi hotspot, to fulfill internet-only needs. To fulfill the device only needs, Maine DOE was able to order 7,450 Chromebooks.

“The suspension of classroom-based instruction because of the Pandemic has brought on new challenges and we should all be grateful for how Maine’s educators have adapted to provide a quality education to our children,” said Governor Mills. “It is our responsibility to ensure that Maine’s teachers, and all students, have the tools they need to stay connected during these unprecedented times. These new connections will allow Maine students to do just that and stay engaged remotely with their school no matter where they live.”

All schools who indicated a need are receiving the information and devices directly from the vendors. Need was assessed by the Department of Education through several surveys of all traditional and non-traditional public schools and private schools who serve public students to understand the connectivity needs statewide. Of the 21,845 students statewide lacking connectivity, based on data from the 75 percent of schools that responded, 14,494 students needed a wireless contract and 7,351 students needed only a device in order to have equitable access to online learning opportunities.

The need for universal connectivity was identified as the top priority of stakeholders across the state in terms of mitigating the impact from the COVID disruption. Teachers have been struggling to connect with the many students and families who do not have access to the internet. A fourth round of surveys has just been completed for schools to report student connectivity needs, and DOE is working now to fulfill this final round of requests. In addition, the department has reached out to both higher education institutions and adult education programs to determine their student connectivity needs.

“This pandemic and the educational disruption brought to light the extreme inequities that exist across our state,” said Commissioner Makin. “The emergency provision of connectivity to all students allows for educational continuity, and I am grateful to our team for their strategic and efficient execution of this enormous effort.”

The Administration utilized federal funds, including a portion of Maine’s \$9.3 million allocation from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund, which was allocated through the federal CARES Act, as well as philanthropic donations, to purchase the devices and wireless service contracts to meet the identified need for universal connectivity for Maine students.

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Mills Administration Updates COVID-19 School Health Advisory System

All counties remain green, but York and Penobscot closely monitored in release of color designations that reflect relative COVID-19 risk by county to assist district leaders with school planning

AUGUSTA — The Mills Administration today released an updated color coded Health Advisory System that classifies counties' relative risk of COVID-19 transmission by color for schools as they continue with their plans to deliver instruction and support students safely this fall.

The updated assessment released today showed that all counties remain green, although Penobscot and York counties will be reassessed next Friday, September 4, to determine if they meet the threshold for yellow or red designation. Recent increasing case rates as well as open outbreaks in Penobscot and York are of concern. Data and trends from these counties will be closely monitored and reassessed early. Other counties will continue to be assessed every two weeks.

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The Maine CDC, in collaboration with the Maine DOE, has also released a [draft Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#), subject to further revisions, for schools to follow in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 at a school. The SOP provides guidance on how cases will be defined and investigated, the role of school nurses, testing recommendations, isolation and quarantine requirements, and the notification process for probable and confirmed cases, including to family members and school communities. The SOP also addresses how public health authorities will determine close contacts for individuals if a case of COVID-19 is identified.

Maine CDC will work with School Administrative Units (SAU) to identify potential locations

where students, faculty, or staff could obtain COVID-19 testing. State-sponsored sample collection sites can be found on <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/testing> or <https://get-tested-covid19.org>.

Governor Janet Mills has also signed an Executive Order, expediting and expanding certain teaching certification requirements to ensure Maine schools have the qualified staff they need to safely reopen this fall. If necessary to respond to shortages in essential school staff, the Governor's Executive Order authorizes the Maine DOE to provide one year emergency teaching certifications to qualified individuals. In partnership with Eastern Maine Community College, the DOE will also offer a certification for "Learning Facilitators." These pre-teacher level staff members can staff learning centers or serve as an in-person learning assistant for a remote instruction teacher. The Executive Order also establishes health and safety requirements as well as other expectations for in-person, hybrid and remote education as defined by the Maine DOE's *Framework for Reopening Schools and Returning to In-Person Instruction* which must be adopted by schools. To read the Governor's full Executive Order, please click [here](#).

The Health Advisory System reflects ongoing analysis of evolving data and serves as one piece of information that school and district leaders can use to make decisions about how to deliver education this fall. It generally will be updated at 12:00 pm every other Friday, and can be found on the Maine DOE website in Part I of the *Framework for Reopening Schools and Returning to In-Person Classroom Instruction*: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-i>

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Folks, take a quick look please and thank you. I would like to send tonight. I am fixing the formatting issues with the bullets.

Eileen and Paula, just need okay that your org is listed as a help in this.

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COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies and Related Activities

Sent to Superintendents ONLY: EMBARGOED UNTIL 1:00 pm May 6, 2020.

Updated: May 5, 2020,

Understanding the milestone that high school graduation represents in the lives of our students and families, Maine DOE has assembled a group to explore and make recommendations on ways in which we can honor the Class of 2020 while taking into consideration public health concerns, social distancing recommendations, and government-issued restrictions on social gatherings.

Decisions around whether to host graduation ceremonies will remain at the discretion of local school boards and superintendents and must be conducted in accordance with Governor Mills' "Stay Safer at Home Orders." As we remain in a state of civil emergency, planners of important events are urged to consider the fact that regulations and recommendations are subject to change, due to the dynamic nature of this situation.

The following guidelines must be taken into consideration when planning events:

- June-August, 2020, social gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 people. (In May, the limit is no more than 10 people).
- Physical (social) distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Cloth face coverings must be used in all public settings. (Exceptions: Cloth face coverings are not required for children under age 2, a child in a child care setting, or for anyone who has trouble breathing or related medical conditions, or who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance).
- A 14-Day Quarantine is required for all individuals entering or returning to Maine prior to going out in public.
- Some municipalities have additional requirements and guidelines that must be followed.

In-Person Ceremonies:

Beginning in June, when group sizes of up to 50 will be permitted, there are some options available for very small graduating classes (or for larger classes, broken into smaller groups through multiple ceremonies) while maintaining social distancing. The following guidelines should be followed to ensure a safe event:

- Limit the number of participants, staff, and guests to fewer than 50 people, in total.
- Seat graduates 6 feet apart in all directions.
- Seat guests 6 feet apart in all directions.
- Require use of cloth face masks.
- Develop accommodations, with increased distancing and precautions, for those with underlying health issues.
- Mark the standing locations of graduates waiting in line and during processional at 6 foot intervals.
- Ensure additional staff support to monitor and maintain acceptable distance.
- Utilize one-way direction of movements and use separate entrances and exits if possible.
- Consider how diplomas will be collected when a student's name is called. Staff may consider placing the diploma on a table for the student to collect. Students may walk across the stage, collect the diploma from the table, and pose for a picture individually or appropriately distanced from a school/district official.
- Communicate expectations and guidelines in advance to ensure understanding and compliance.
- Develop plans for use of restrooms and access to soap and water for hand washing with marked waiting spaces at 6 foot intervals to avoid crowding at bathroom stalls or sinks. Arrange for a custodian to monitor and replenish soap/paper towels.
- Provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas.
- Contact your local law enforcement to help with planning and crowd control.
- Consider designating a single person to take an official photo/video of each graduate

receiving their diploma and prohibit others from approaching the area to take their own pictures or video.

Drive-In Options:

- Before planning a drive-in ceremony, please consider the needs and rights of families who do not have access to a vehicle and make equitable arrangements.
- Maine drive-in movie theaters have been granted permission to open, as long as they meet a set of criteria and follow certain guidelines. Schools may contract with a drive-in movie theater operating within those regulations.
- If a school wishes to plan a “drive in” ceremony outside of an approved, open, theater, there are many precautions that should be taken:
 - Work with local law enforcement to get approval for use of a field or parking lot, and to support traffic flow and crowd control.
 - Measure out parking spots that are spaced a minimum of 6’ apart.
 - Communicate rules ahead of time regarding the need for all participants to stay inside the cars with the doors closed and to wear cloth masks if windows are down.
 - Allow one student at a time to leave the family’s vehicle to pick up a diploma, using the guidelines above for in-person ceremonies.

Other options for honoring graduates:

- Virtual Ceremonies or video tributes: Ask seniors to send individual videos with short messages to their graduating classmates. This can be compiled with more traditional speeches that can be done by video or livestream to create a keepsake video.
- Hashtag Campaigns: Highlight seniors on social media each day with special hashtags that allow for family, friends, and community members to congratulate individual students (who agree to participate) with photos and messages.
- Postpone the graduation ceremonies until it is safe to gather in large groups once again, or host them in one year as an “early reunion.”

Developed with valuable input from:

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- Maine Principals Association
- Maine Education Association
- Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
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End of Year Considerations- Unified Recommendations from Maine's Education Organization Leadership

The following common understandings and recommendations were developed through a collaborative dialogue between the leaders of Maine School Management Association (MSMA), Maine Principals Association (MPA), Maine Education Association (MEA), Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC), Maine Curriculum Leaders Association (MCLA) and Maine Department of Education (DOE). This is provided to our colleagues in the field as a point of discussion and consideration as SAUs develop end of year plans during this pandemic.

- We understand that some school districts and local associations have already come to mutual agreements regarding the end of the school year, for those that have not yet come to agreement, we offer the following.
- We recognize school districts are making adjustments to the end of the school year

with the best of intentions. The exact approach each district takes will vary based on the different needs, specific circumstances, culture, relationships, etc.

- In all instances where a change is considered, the school district and the local association should be in communication and seek to collaborate around any changes. We encourage both parties to be reasonable with each other and work together to come up with ways to best address the changes given this extraordinary situation.
- If remote instruction ends earlier than planned for students in the original school calendar, we encourage the school district and local association to come to a mutual agreement as to what happens. If it is mutually agreed to convert any of the reduced instruction days into workshop days, such days should be collaboratively planned with teachers to be meaningful and address needs for closing out this school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year. It may also be the case that days otherwise normally worked are mutually agreed to be waived given the circumstances.
 - In all instances, the [DOE's Priority Notice "Unified Guidance Regarding Executive Orders and School Personnel: All School Services and Employees are Essential"](#) should continue to be followed, including "...physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distancing and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented..."
- Support staff who usually only work on student days, are held harmless and paid for the days they would have otherwise worked should the school year not have been impacted by any changes due to COVID-19. (See Governor's Executive Order) Any non-student focused work that might be determined should be meaningful and address immediate needs for closing out the school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year.
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distancing and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented...”

- Retiring educators should be held harmless for any workshop days moved from this year to the next. Steps should be taken to make sure future MainePERS benefits are not negatively impacted by ensuring that pay is not shifted from this school year to the next school year.
- The school district and local association should come to an agreement that addresses any changes to the beginning of the new school year that would impact new educators hired over the summer, such as additional workshop days added to the start of the next school year.
- Any agreements should not establish any precedent given the extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- In the interest of transparency and clarity, we strongly recommend that the parties document any agreement by taking notes that include the date of the conversation/meeting, who participated in the conversation/meeting, what was discussed and what was agreed to. The notes should be shared with the parties so as to confirm mutual understanding and to address any misunderstandings, if they exist, as quickly as possible.



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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: UPDATE- Coronavirus Relief Funds, Framework, Planning Considerations, Planning Workshop
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:32:34 PM

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UPDATE: Coronavirus Relief Funds, Framework, Planning Considerations, Planning Workshop

Dear Champions of Education,

On Friday, we announced updates to our [Framework for Returning to Classroom Instruction](#), including new Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) risk level assessments and requirements for safely resuming in-person education. Governor Mills announced a commitment of funding through the State's Corona Relief Fund (CRF) in the amount of \$165 million, representing a significant and urgently needed investment to support the necessary preparations of facilities, and procurement of transportation, technology, contracted services, PPE, supplies, etc. This funding represents the first of a two-part request, chronologically prioritizing funds to support the startup expenses that schools are incurring now and throughout the summer, recognizing that additional funding will be needed once the new school year begins.

The capacities and needs in each of your settings are as diverse as the communities you serve, so we plan to offer flexibility through use of an equitable disbursement formula. We have been working in partnership with MSMA/MSSA to develop the per-pupil formula, based on October 2019 enrollment counts and weighted for the number of English Learners,

students with an IEP, students who are economically disadvantaged, and students who are homeless. Funding will be made available for Career and Technical Education, Adult Education, and a state-wide small schools set-aside. It is our understanding that superintendents have had the opportunity, through MSSA, to weigh in on this formula and are satisfied with the disbursement plan.

Later this week, you will be notified of your maximum allocation under the formula, and an application will be made available to allow you to submit your budget. Funds must be used for costs that were previously unbudgeted, that were directly caused by the COVID-19 emergency, and that will not be reimbursed through any other funding source. CRF funds cannot be applied toward reimbursement for lost revenue nor supplant previously budgeted expenses. You may request reimbursement for approved expenses that were incurred beginning March 1, 2020 as a direct result of COVID-19. CRF must be used before December 31, 2020 and may be applied to cover expenses related to: facilities modifications, renovations, or leases; transportation; contracted services and temporary/additional staffing; PPE and cleaning supplies; equipment/technology; and other costs directly caused by COVID-19. We are preparing a FAQ document to assist you in determining allowable expenses.

Each application will include statements that that will require attestation, guaranteeing:

- that the budget reflects costs that meet the CRF requirements
- that expenditures will not be reimbursed by other funding sources
- that costs were unanticipated and caused by the pandemic
- adherence to the required health and safety measures in the [Framework for Return to Classroom Instruction](#), and
- a commitment to developing a three-tiered plan, as outlined in [part III](#) and [part IV](#) the [Framework for Return to Classroom Instruction](#).

Once your application is approved, you may begin submitting invoices for reimbursement of approved expenses. Our team is working diligently to make this a quick turn-around.

We recognize that you're facing enormous challenges as you plan a three-tiered education system, including in-person, hybrid, and remote instruction. We urge you to give special consideration to the needs of students who struggle most to benefit from remote options and to recognize the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Maine's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students and their families. Maine has the highest rate of disparities in COVID-19 impact on the BIPOC population, a devastating indicator of systemic racism that we must address in our roles as educational leaders. As you and your teams develop plans to support all students, please consider including specific practices and a commitment of funding to address racism and inequities that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The Maine Department of Education (MDOE) is curating a list of [high quality resources](#) to support schools in deepening our understandings and in adopting anti-racist practices.

We are offering a two-day Return To School planning workshop for district leaders on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Topics will include: the red/yellow/green risk level assessments; decision making around reopening; hybrid and remote models; CRF/school finance issues; and much more. Please register (superintendent/designee and up to 2 additional staff) as soon as possible, as we're working on creating Zoom breakout group sessions. You can read more and register a team of three [here](#).

Finally, please know that we are extremely proud of Maine's schools, educators, and leaders. You have all risen to unimaginable challenges throughout this unprecedented and historic period for public education, modeling resilience, courage, and innovative spirit. The MDOE team remains committed as supportive collaborators and partners in your work, and we thank you for your leadership.



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Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 5:09:07 PM

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CRF #2 Application is Open

Last week, Governor Mills announced an additional \$164 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds to support Maine schools as they work to provide for the nutritional, social emotional and educational needs of their students and the safety and wellbeing of the entire school community. This second round of funding, known as CRF #2, brings the total amount of CRF funds offered to schools to \$329 million.

On Monday, September 28, Maine Department of Education Team members met with Maine School Superintendents Association (MSSA) and members of their finance committee to review and finalize the CRF #2 application, which we are pleased to release today.

Allocations to eligible entities can be found [here](#), and the application can be accessed through the Consolidated Federal Grant Application and Grant Reimbursement website, familiar to schools as the GEM system, located at <https://www.4pcamaine.org/index.html>. The login and password for both superintendents and business managers will remain the same as that for other federal programs. If you need assistance with your GEM login, please contact Gary Seekins at gseekins@usaed.net.

Additional information and resources, including an updated [FAQ document](#) can be located on the Department of Education [CARES Act webpage](#).



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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, ESSER Funding Update- For Superintendents

Dear Champions of Education,

We had hoped to have the applications for your Elementary and Secondary Schools Education Relief (ESSER) funds ready to release to you yesterday. Unfortunately, on the evening of Thursday, April 30, the U.S. Department of Education released [guidance](#) that directly contradicts the CARES Act law, creating confusion around the calculation of equitable services for private schools.

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) has conferred with the Office of the Attorney General and we have asked US ED for clarification as well. The language provided within the CARES Act law related to equitable services invokes Section 1117 of the ESEA of 1965, which would essentially be the same process by which you determine equitable shares under Title I, in that the percentages are based on the number of disadvantaged students who live in your SAU, but attend a private school. However, the US ED guidance describes

a different method for calculating equitable shares, which includes all students in private schools that are within the boundaries of your SAU, without regard to disadvantaged counts or the SAU where the students live.

I apologize for the delay in releasing the applications, but we want to be sure that you only have to do this once; we are awaiting clarification from US ED before making the CARES k-12 funding applications available. We are in daily conversations with national organizations and with our AG office to ensure a swift resolution. In the meantime, COVID-related costs that fall within your project area can be reimbursed once the funds become available. In case this is helpful in planning your project and application development, here is the information that will need to be entered (recognizing that these are emergency relief funds, we streamlined the application to include only what is necessary):

- A description of how the SAU intends to use the funds allocated under ESSERF.
- How has your school district determined its most important needs as a result of COVID?
- Describe the extent to which the LEA intends to use ESSER funds to promote remote learning and addressing student learning gaps.
- What is your district's proposed timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff at public and non-public schools (1 paragraph)?
- Budget (this section will require further clarification as described above, so you'll know how much must be allocated to non-public school services.)

Warmly,

Pender



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Governor's Executive Order #56 Pertaining to School Budgets

On June 3, 2020 Governor Janet Mills issued Executive Order #56, An Order to Further Facilitate the State of Primary and Local Elections Within Public Health Restrictions Due to COVID-19. Included in this order are measures to assist communities in their local school budget processes. Maine School Management Association (MSMA) has developed further guidance and clarification on this Executive Order for School Administrative Units. Guidance for agendas and warrants can be found [here](#), and guidance based on school configuration can be found [here](#). The Executive Order can be read in its entirety, [here](#).

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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Maine National Guard to Assist in Personal Protective Equipment for School Nurses
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:39:57 AM

FYI, sent to superintendents and Emily and Nancy will be sending to school nurses via their listserv.

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Maine National Guard to Assist in Personal Protective Equipment for School Nurses

We are pleased to announce that the Maine Department of Education has secured the assistance of the Maine National Guard in providing N95 fit testing and a supply of five N95 masks to the nursing professionals in Maine schools (RN, LPN). Over the next six to eight weeks, the National Guard will be traveling to 4-5 statewide regional locations on Saturdays to provide this service. In order to participate in this offering your school administrative unit must have the following:

- A [Respiratory Protection Program \(RPP\)](#) that is written in compliance with the Maine Board of Occupational Safety and Health's adoption of [OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134](#), Respiratory Protection Standard;
- Designated employees whose work activities may require the use of respiratory protective equipment;
- Medical clearance for the designated nursing professionals that will be participating in this NG effort in accordance with Maine Board of Occupational Safety and Health.

The fit testing, training, and masks are being provided at no cost to the local school districts. School districts may wish to use CRF funds for custodial costs incurred if you are an area host site, or for reimbursing nurses for their time and mileage.

More detailed information will be shared directly with school nurses that will finalize the dates, locations, and process for registering. If you have questions, please contact Nancy.dube@maine.gov or 207-557-0284.



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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Notice of Fraudulent and Predatory Practices
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:19:50 AM

Good morning folks,

We are sending this to school and SAU leaders, but are asking for your help in ensuring that our colleagues in the field have this information. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Best,
Kelli

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Notice of Fraudulent and Predatory Practices

Dear Champions of Education,

As is often the case, a crisis can bring out the very best and the very worst in human behavior. As you all continue to lead and model the amazingly resilient and innovative spirit that defines Maine educators, we are compelled to bring to your attention some misrepresentation and predatory practices that are targeting our school communities.

There are a number of vendors who, aware of the distribution of CRF funds to schools, are making claims and preying on fear to sell products or services. Examples may be the selling of air purifiers that are "clinically proven" to eliminate COVID-19, desk dividers that are "proven" to eliminate the need for physical distance, chin shields that can replace face masks. Some of these items could be useful, but there is no "magic" product, and use of products would be a supplement to the required health and safety measures, not a replacement of requirements. Some of the vendors are looking for access to schools by associating their products with our, and other, agencies. While some of the products may be useful, it is important to know that Maine CDC has not endorsed any products. Please know

that Maine DOE is not endorsing nor sending vendors out to contact schools, and should you receive any such calls or have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

In addition, a flyer, seen [here](#), regarding exemptions from required face mask wearing, is being nationally disseminated. The flyer misrepresents information and an affiliation with ADA and DOJ. Both have issued statements about these fraudulent flyers. ADA's statement can be found, [here](#). DOJ statement can be found, [here](#).

As always, please reach out if we can be of any assistance, and know that you have our continued admiration and partnership as you lead the work of keeping your school communities safe.

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Daily Update From Commissioner Makin: March 23, 2020

Dear Champions of Education,

As both the COVID-19 situation and our State's response to it continue to evolve, we know that you're hoping for more answers. Here are some very basic and general things to keep in mind as you focus on what is most important – leading.

1. LD 2167 (the omnibus emergency bill passed last week) included additional flexibility with respect to the required number of school days: “the Governor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, may implement for elementary and secondary schools a plan to: (1) Waive the compulsory attendance requirements of Title 20-A, chapter 211 and any rules regarding compulsory attendance, including the minimum number of school days, or allow the compulsory attendance requirements to be met through nontraditional learning systems, including but not limited to remote access;” Therefore, we will waive the minimum number of required school days and attendance requirements for this school year.
2. We have submitted a waiver for ESSA assessments and accountability system at US ED and are confident this will be granted.
3. DOE will not be holding districts accountable for compliance with state statutes and regulations that are impossible to implement as a result of the COVID-19 disruptions. We encourage you to focus on those regulations that involve health and safety at this

time.

4. We urge you to make plans for providing educational services for all of your students, including those with and without disabilities.
5. As for your many other questions: it would be irresponsible for us to get out in front of issues that are subject to ongoing change due to this unprecedented challenge – we recognize that all districts and all schools are likely at different places in terms of resources, readiness, and capacity. We also have great faith in your professionalism, dedication and commitment to doing what is best for your students.

We are attempting to obtain wireless internet-enabled tablet devices that could be used by teachers and students who do not have internet access. The equity gap between those who are able to remain connected and those who are not has become increasingly impactful. Please let us know if there are other resources or supports that would be helpful to you during this time.

Sincerely,

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Daily Update From Commissioner Makin: March 25, 2020

Dear Champions of Education,

We are hopeful that the Governor's message yesterday afternoon will help our state to slow the progression of the coronavirus and ultimately allow us to avert some of the catastrophic situations we're seeing in other regions. We've been receiving several questions about whether education and nutrition services provided by local schools are considered to be essential, and the answer is that they are essential. Certainly it is advisable to have as many staff members as possible working from home, but CDC guidance (Maine and national) continues to recognize the importance of continuing to provide essential services and continues to recommend careful hand washing, avoiding large groups, and generally keeping a 6' bubble of space from others.

In response to many questions and concerns from the field, here are some clarifications:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS for the SCHOOL YEAR: The minimum number of school days will be waived for the 2019-2020 school year.

STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND ESSA ACCOUNTABILITY: Maine has applied for, and has received, waivers that eliminate state assessment requirements for this year.

CERTIFICATION: Extensions of up to 1 year will be provided for renewal applications that have been impacted by COVID-19 disruption.

PRE-SERVICE / EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS: In lieu of certain coursework, practicum, and/or internship requirements, DOE will accept recommendations from educator preparation programs regarding the qualifications of pre-service educators who are currently in a educator preparation program/certification program that has been disrupted by COVID-19.

PEPG: DOE will not hold SAUs accountable for compliance with state statute/regulations regarding professional growth / supervision & evaluation systems. Enforcement of locally developed and/or adopted policies, programs, and systems remain at the discretion of local SAUs.

IDEA/SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: We recognize that it is reasonable for schools and districts to be at different places when it comes to providing continuity of education for all students. It has only been a few days, and we're hearing that some districts were up and running with a full program on "day one" and that others are still working hard to get the necessary materials, plans, logistics, and systems in place. We have also heard that (in Maine and across the nation) some school leaders are hesitant to offer any services until they are able to support full IEP accommodations.

We urge you to provide the best programming you can for all students and to offer as many accommodations as possible to facilitate universal access. FAPE under more "traditional" circumstances likely looks different from FAPE under a state and national emergency that has temporarily redefined what public education looks like. IEPs were based on a set of basic circumstances one would expect in a traditional school setting, and education for all students is very different right now. Fear of putting forth anything short of perfection at this time will immobilize you and your teams of educators when you most need to be proactive and innovative.

Please check out our most updated guidance and resource page for Special Education: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed/covid19> As always, our specialists at DOE will be glad to answer your questions and to assist you as you move ahead with offering educational programming to all of the students in your care. Nobody should be feeling alone in this, so please connect as often as needed.

SCHOOL BUS DELIVERIES of MEALS and ACADEMIC MATERIALS: Just when you think there couldn't be another rule or statute to trip over as we find our way through all of this... guess what? Turns out that the flashing lights on buses must only be used when school-aged passengers are on board. Please ask your transportation team to just pull over and use a regular blinker when making deliveries.

CDC NOTIFICATIONS to SUPERINTENDENTS and SCHOOL NURSES WHEN POSITIVE COVID CASE IS IDENTIFIED: Due to the current workload involved in investigating and

monitoring positive cases of COVID-19, the multiple means of testing, and the prevalence of community transmission in some areas of the state, it is possible that both families of students and/or staff members will have notified schools before Maine CDC staff does. It is also likely that they (the student or staff) will know the preliminary result before the Maine CDC does. Because of this, Maine CDC can no longer guarantee that the superintendent and school nurse will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case. The Maine CDC and Maine DOE will do their best to communicate as we are able with school staff as quickly as possible. If you learn of a positive case in your school community (staff or student), please contact Emily Poland, our Nurse Consultant at DOE at emily.poland@maine.gov. She is working with CDC to provide a model letter for school leaders to use as they notify others of a positive case.

We hope these clarifications are helpful, and we will keep you updated as the situation progresses. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the specialists at DOE for support and/or guidance regarding these updates or any other concerns and questions.

Thank you for all you do,

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Dear Champions of Education,

Yesterday, Governor Mills issued a “stay at home” order, offering specific guidance around curtailing non-essential activities, gatherings, and travel. She also ordered schools to refrain from in-person, classroom instruction practices until after May 1st (or until further orders are issued).

As we close in on the third week of remote instruction, please know that your resilient leadership and ongoing efforts are making a huge difference for Maine students and families. While everything is so suddenly chaotic and unfamiliar to everyone, our schools continue to shine like a beacon of hope. I have received countless emails and messages from legislators, parents, community members, and students sharing their gratitude for the steady support, the nutritional services, and the deeply human connections that are provided by educators, counselors, and school administrators. I’ve heard anecdotes from teachers who have noticed increased participation and engagement from students who had previously been among the most disconnected and apathetic. The lesson in this phenomenon is an important one... they’re counting on you even when their outward

behaviors disguise this fact.

Updates and information:

- **Essential employees:** PreK-12 educational and. Child nutrition staff are all considered essential during this crisis. We are currently working with our educational organizations' leadership to develop clarified and unified guidance in light of the Governor's most recent Executive Order.
- **Nutrition programs and April vacation:** Maine DOE's Child Nutrition team continues to seek flexibilities and waivers for our SAUs and communities. We are thrilled to share that there have been waivers granted for schools with fewer than 50% free/reduced meal students and bulk service provisions. [Read more here.](#) We have applied for a waiver that will allow meal programs to be Reimbursed For the meals served during April vacation- currently not reimbursable. We will provide an update as soon as we hear from USDA.
- **The CARES Act federal relief package** will provide schools/SAU's with funding to mitigate some of the financial impacts of the COVID-related disruption. Much more on this coming very soon!
- **Remote Learning Plans/Sharing:** Although we're not requiring districts to share their remote learning plans, some have shared theirs with us and offered them as a resource to others that are still developing their plans! We will be happy to collect and share in a protected way with colleagues. Thank you to all who have shared their well-developed plans! If you'd like to offer your districts plan as a guide for others, please email Chief Innovation Officer, Page Nichols at page.nichols@maine.gov.
- **Home Instruction:** The Department recognizes that disruption due to COVID-19 may impact a home instruction family's ability to maintain the required number of instructional days, and is therefore including home instruction in the statewide waiver granted for the minimum of 175 days of instruction for 2019-2020 school year. Demonstration of satisfactory academic progress is still required to be submitted to superintendents by September 1st.
- **School Budget, voting, etc:** We have been working with MSMA, the AG's office, and the Governor's office to develop an executive order that will provide the various flexibilities that have been requested. Please stay tuned – solutions are imminent. (The Legislature did vote our GPA budget IN and intact, so your ED279 printouts provide an accurate basis for what you'll receive in state subsidy).
- **DOE is open for business – including CERTIFICATION office!** The system is up and running, the phones are being monitored by our knowledgeable and helpful team of experts, and we are eager to get your completed applications for renewal or initial

certification processed as soon as possible! We have had some state level issues with phone system overload, so don't hesitate to use email also! As mentioned in an earlier notice, we do intend to provide extensions for those who have had education, testing, fingerprinting, or practicum/internship disruptions due to the COVID emergency – but for those of you who have completed the necessary steps, please submit necessary documentation and move ahead with your renewal application!

Silver Linings:

- It's possible that we're demonstrating capacity for never having to make up "snow days" in the future!
- We have a perfect opportunity to redesign our state assessment system!
- Every time we do something kind or selfless to benefit someone else, we get a bump of serotonin ... It even works when we simply observe someone being kind to someone else!
- Amid the fear and loss and physical disconnection, watch empathy, compassion, and humanity shining like the North Star – far above the fray.
- We will emerge from this better than we've ever been.

Thank you for all you are doing on behalf of your students, staff, and communities.

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FYI

There are updates to the FAQ; we anticipate further information coming quickly at this point and will get this turned around and out as rapidly as possible.

I will be sending to Supts. now, and more broadly shortly.

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As SAUs prepare for possible use of the CARES ACT funds, please consider the updated details regarding the CARES Act funding, included in the Department's Frequently Asked Questions document available [here](#). We will provide further details as they become available.



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Guidance for Summer Programming: Safety Guidelines for School Administrative Units Choosing to Operate In-Person Summer Programs

May 18, 2020

Schools intending to offer in-person instruction should ensure that decisions are aligned with state and local laws and applicable executive orders, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be unpredictable and dynamic and that the laws, executive orders, and Department of Education (DOE) recommendations are subject to change accordingly.

A. Additional staffing recommendations:

- School Nurse or other staff person trained by nurse
- Social Worker or counselor

- Additional custodial staff (increase in scope of cleaning/disinfecting per CDC protocols)
- Student to teacher ratio not to exceed 10:1 (preferably 10:2)

B. Preparation of students, families, and staff pre-entry:

- Ask parents/caregiver to check for symptoms each day prior to sending students (include agreement to pick student up in a timely fashion if symptoms present after the child has arrived at school)
- Students and staff should determine their health status prior to coming to school each day

Sample self-check (as CDC determines additional symptoms, these should be added to the checklist):

1. Do I feel unwell today?
2. Do I have a cough or sore throat?
3. Do I have a fever or do I feel feverish?
4. Do I or have I had shortness of breath?
5. Do or have I had a loss of taste or smell?
6. Do or have I been around anyone exhibiting these symptoms within the past 14 days?
7. Do or have I been living with anyone who is sick or quarantined?
8. Have I been out of state in the last 14 days?
9. Take temperature: is it 37.8 C/100 F or higher?

If the answer is yes to any of the questions, stay home.

- Create a communication system for staff and families for self-reporting of symptoms and notification of exposures and closures
- High risk populations should consult with healthcare provider prior to committing to in-person summer programming/extended school year (ESY)
- School administrative units (SAUs) could provide virtual learning alternatives for students who are not able to transition into a school setting/ESY environment
- Train all staff in the safety actions included in this document. Consider conducting the training virtually, or, if in-person, ensure that physical distancing is maintained
- Designate a staff person to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. Staff should know who this person is and how to contact him/her

C. Recommendations for instructional spaces:

- Prioritize classrooms/instructional spaces with exterior doors
 - Prioritize classrooms/instructional spaces with built-in bathroom
 - Prioritize classrooms/instructional spaces closest to bathrooms (if there are not enough classrooms with built-in bathroom)
 - Ensure that classrooms/instructional spaces have proper ventilation. Use a fan, blowing out of a window, to increase ventilation
- Declutter classrooms/instructional spaces (necessities only)/ remove pillows, couches,

sofa-type chairs, toys, rugs, and other items that would be difficult to wipe down and disinfect

- Plan for no more than 10 students in a classroom/instructional space (fewer if classroom space will not allow 6-foot distance between desks/students)

D. Transportation Procedures:

1. Safest mode of transportation is for students to be transported via private vehicle
2. If school-based transportation is needed:
 - Provide plexiglass divider and/or face shield for drivers
 - Provide sanitizer and require students to sanitize hands prior to entering bus
 - Require students to fill the seats at the back of the bus first and to fill seats going forward, one student per seat (siblings who live together at home should sit together)
 - Students should exit the bus from front to back and should sanitize hands upon exit
 - Students should wear face masks on the bus per CDC guidelines
3. Transportation procedures, logistics, and protocols should be well-communicated prior to the start of the summer program and reiterated/rehearsed often

E. Classroom/Instructional Space Procedures:

1. Entering -
 - Stagger entry times to avoid hallway crowding
 - Ensure that students bring minimal belongings from home; these should remain with each student at a designated location (no use of lockers or cubbies)
 - Coats should be hung on the back of each student's chair
 - Ensure 6-foot spacing during entry to building
 - Practice protocol for going directly to designated classroom/space
 - Assign entrance and exits (one-way traffic)
 - Prohibit family members and visitors from entering the building (designated drop off and pick up spots)
 - Have staff and students wash/sanitize hands prior to entering the classroom/instructional space; use tape or circle marking (or other method) to mark 6-foot spacing for lines at sinks
 - Develop plans for late arrivals to call the front office so that arrangements can be made to assist in entering
2. Throughout the day -
 - Require that students receive permission before leaving classroom/instructional space
 - Only one student should leave the classroom/instructional space at a time.
 - Require students and teachers to adhere to 6-foot rule. Space all seating to at least

six feet apart

- Require students to wash/sanitize hands frequently throughout the day and specifically after coughing, sneezing, touching face, before/after eating or toileting
- Provide workbooks, notebooks, and writing utensils as a kit at beginning of program rather than handing out new materials each day
- Require staff to wipe down their computers, tablets, phones, or other frequently touched items several times a day
- Avoid sharing personal items, electronic devices, books or learning materials among students

3. Exiting -

- Require students to wash/sanitize hands prior to exiting classroom/instructional space
- Stagger dismissals to avoid hallway crowding

4. Hygiene -

- Clean tabletops, door handles, and other surfaces that are frequently touched prior to students entering, during any breaks or recess times, and after students exit
- Follow CDC recommendations for: hand hygiene; cough and sneeze etiquette/hygiene; face coverings; donning and doffing of PPE; disinfecting
- Provide handwashing/personal hygiene training to all students

F. Lunch and Snack procedure:

- Require students and staff to eat snacks and/or lunch in designated classroom/instructional space
- Students and staff should bring their own water bottles. Schools may consider providing bottled water also
- Require hand washing /sanitizing before and after eating snack and/or lunch.
- If school is providing snack or lunch: disposable packaging and utensils should be used; meals should be delivered to the classroom/instructional space in a designated bin. Each child will retrieve the food from the bin and dispose of any packaging or uneaten food in the trash
- Bins should be collected by assigned staff and cleaned per guidelines

G. Movement within the building

- Everyone should wash/sanitize hands when exiting or entering a new classroom/instructional space within the school
- Manage traffic flow: use tape on floors as reminders, keeping all to the right side when moving up and down stairs (and 5 steps apart) and through the hallways
- Help students to practice keeping hands and bodies to self
- Maintain 6-foot distancing in all directions at all times
- Use only assigned bathrooms (1 child at a time)

- Limit elevator use to 1:1 student/staff at a time (use only if needed)

H. Outdoor play:

- Playground equipment should remain off limits
- Toys and/or accessories should not be used
- Maintain 6-feet distancing in all directions

I. Nursing Considerations:

- No nebulized medications permitted. If the use of inhaler is required, then student or staff must be excused to a designated area preferably outside or away from others
- First Aid kits for classrooms (bandages, feminine hygiene, etc.)
- Consider a call system so the nurse can meet a student outside the door of the designated classroom/instructional space to assess and address concerns
- Designated area to isolate ill students prior to dismissal

J. Illness Policy:

- Staff or students who show signs of illness, or have a temperature of 37.8 C/100F or higher, should not come to school or, if already at school, should go home immediately
- Any symptoms or fever that are suggestive of illness requires students or staff to stay home or, if already at school, they should go home immediately
- If any members of a student's or staff's household are ill, the staff member should not come to school
- If a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 has entered the school, follow CDC guidelines and coordinate with local health officials

K. Supplies Needed:

- Cleaning supplies per CDC guidelines.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff caring for students who cannot maintain 6-foot distancing: Face coverings or shields, gloves, gowns
- Soap paper towels for handwashing; hand sanitizer

L. Things to consider:

- Prioritize ESY, Career and Technical Education, and programs that cannot operate remotely
- Consider consolidation of summer programs in one building

M. Resources:

- [AAP: American Academy of Pediatrics/2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/ COVID-19. IDEA-related Q & A](#)
- [CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines](#)
- [CDC: Handwashing Guidelines](#)
- [CDC: School Setting](#)

- [CDC: Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)
- [CDC: Use of Cloth Face Coverings](#)
- [CDC: Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:51:02 PM

Okay folks, this is the cleaned up, final version. I am going to wait until 4:00, and ask you too also, so if there are ANY concerns we catch them now. At 4:00 sharp we will hit send?

Thank you all again, what an amazing demonstration of leadership and collaboration on behalf of our field.

Be well!

Kelli

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Although school employees are essential, their physical presence at school is not always necessary during this emergency, as there are many tasks and trainings that could be completed remotely. In light of the Governor’s “Stay Healthy At Home” order at this critical juncture to flatten the curve, physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distance and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented. The fewest numbers of employees possible should be on premises, and only during the necessary time frame required for conducting such services. All functions that do not require in-person staff in schools should be done remotely.

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- Employees who are able and assigned by supervisors to work remotely should continue to do so, and raise any concerns they may have with their local district leadership. Administrators and staff are encouraged to collaborate and

problem-solve to foster telework options during this crisis.

- School employees should continue to go to work if they must be there to perform essential functions. CDC guidelines should be strictly followed including social distancing of at least 6 feet from all other people. School employees working onsite should be kept to the bare minimum necessary to execute the functions that require their physical presence.
- Employees whose services are not immediately needed, as determined by supervisors, or whose work cannot be done remotely, should continue to receive their regular wages and should remain ready to perform tasks as they become necessary and assigned by supervisors. Employees on standby leave should be ready to help schools meet their basic needs, and may be assigned to participate in a rotation of duties during this time.
- Any school employees who are sick, in a high risk group, or feel unsafe for any reason, should have access to their own sick leave, the new federal leave program, a district sick leave bank, if applicable, or any other paid leave that a district may be providing.”

We can all take common sense steps to ensure that only staff whose physical presence is required to provide services and who are engaged in immediately necessary services are in our schools, and that those who are in our schools are being protected by following the most current CDC guidelines for social distancing, cleaning, hand washing, and ventilation.

We so appreciate all the work being done to help students during these challenging times. We know our public schools are wonderful places filled with amazing, hard-working and dedicated staff. Please be sure to take care of each other during this crisis.



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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Expanded Authority of Reserve Funds
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:55:57 PM

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Be well everyone!!

Kelli

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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: McKinney-Vento Subgrants: COVID-19 Emergency Mini-Grante
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:27:48 PM

Sent to supts now, will go to wider audience shortly.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:25 PM
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McKinney-Vento Subgrants: COVID-19 Emergency Mini-Grant

The Maine Department of Education is offering Maine schools a unique opportunity to apply for McKinney-Vento Mini-Grants. The Mini-Grants are to be specifically dedicated to supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maine school administrative units (SAUs) may submit one application for multiple schools for the mini-grants with a \$5,000 cap per school. Resources and services can be delivered at sites other than at the SAU's schools and can be provided by subcontractors, but the applications may only be submitted and administered by Maine SAUs. The application deadline is Wednesday, May 6th 2020 at 11:59 pm. The application can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the McKinney-Vento Sub-grant call for proposals will be posted soon for the year 2020-21. Proposals will be accepted from SAUs seeking to develop, implement, or expand programs that improve the success of students identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. This grant may be renewable for up to three years. It will be posted at www.maine.gov/dafs/bbm/procurementservices/vendors/grants and a press release will be sent out once it is available.

If you have questions about homeless education or the McKinney-Vento grants, contact Amelia Lyons at amelia.lyons@maine.gov or (207) 557-1787.



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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Onsite School Staff Pandemic Protocol: Guidance from DOC and CDC
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:21:32 PM

Guidance from CDC/DOE for school employees.

Sending broadly

Have a great weekend everyone!

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Onsite School Staff Pandemic Protocol

All education and school staff are essential. Not all work needs to be done in the school building. If you have staff who have work that cannot be done via telecommuting, please consider putting some protocols in place. While things continue to change as we get more guidance, here are steps you can take now to protect yourself and others to the best of your ability, while still providing essential meals and education to our students.

1. If you have several employees on a team of workers who typically need to do at least some of their work onsite (custodians, nutrition services, communications, admin support, business office, leadership, etc.) consider having two or three small “teams” of staff that work, on different days, for example, to reduce the number of individuals that each person is exposed to.
2. Each person reporting for work should be self-monitoring for symptoms of illness. Post [“Feeling Sick?”](#) poster at workplace entry with instructions for any employees with symptoms of illness to contact a supervisor and not enter the workplace.

3. For school work/paper materials that must be physically picked up and dropped off, consider putting them in bins where they can be left for 24 hours without someone touching them.
 - a. The risk of catching COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, travelled, and exposed to different conditions and temperatures is believed to be low
 - b. Clean and disinfect the surfaces that can be cleaned (e.g. DVD covers, acetate book covers)
 - c. Remind staff that are working with these materials to not touch their face and practice hand hygiene, especially after handling
4. Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in the work place often (e.g. counter tops, door handles, keyboard covers, phones).
5. Maintain strict adherence to mitigation strategies during all work that is done on-site, including during stages of food prep and delivery:
 - a. Physical distancing while at work (6 feet apart)
 - i. Consider using tape to measure out work stations for people working within a close space of one another
 - ii. Never 10 or more in one room/area
 - b. Non-medical face coverings (e.g. homemade cloth mask, bandana) may be worn while at work or delivering food. Although there is no official recommendation regarding cloth masks, it should be noted that this is not as a protection for the wearer, but it might reduce the chances of spreading infection if the wearer was infected but asymptomatic.
 - i. These face coverings can be used for an entire workday as long as they are not wet
 - ii. Care should taken to avoid contamination of surfaces when removing or handling the used mask.
 - iii. They should be washed before using again
 - c. Proper and frequent hand washing
6. For Nutrition and Food Service:
 - a. Prepare meals keeping in mind food safety such as refrigeration and cleaning protocols;
 - b. Ensure that all food preparation, packing, delivering is done by workers wearing clean gloves;
 - c. Bring meals to location where meals will be available for pick-up. Meals should be put down on tables, doorsteps, etc. to avoid directly handing the meals directly to students/family members. Meals may be available for pick-up at one of the following (students/family members should check with their school to identify the site they should use);
 - i. School or Neighborhood approved meals site (advise people picking up

meals to stand 6' away from others in line. Using tape to mark distance might help.)

- ii. Drive through site
- iii. Mobile site (bus, van)

7. Consider decreasing the number of times food delivery is done (1-2 times per week). Depending upon the nutrition program you're using, you may be able to provide multiple days' worth of meals at once.

8. Tips for Drive-Through Pick-up:

- b. At curbside, driver indicates number of children they are picking up for using hand signals or talking through closed car window
- c. Staff places the appropriate number of food units on the table and steps back from table at least 6 feet.
- d. Family member (one person) exits their vehicle, picks up the food, and gets back in their vehicle.
- e. Table is washed and repeat for next vehicle.

9. Meals can be delivered directly to a residence, but there should be no hand to hand delivery; leave on doorstep.

DO NOT go inside houses/apartments or speak to families through open car windows unless you are at least 6 feet away.



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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:12:46 PM

Good afternoon all,

I wanted to make sure you all have this; I am going to send tonight to superintendents, and tomorrow to a broader audience. Let me know if you would like to coordinate a time (if you plan to share out as well) and we can set one.

Thank you all for your great work on this, and I apologize for the delay. Just wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to review prior to hitting send!

Be well,

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Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning

As many School Administrative Units (SAUs) and schools move into a new phase of implementation of emergency distance learning, focusing on long term practices, many are now wading through conversations around the assessment and evaluation of learning. Some SAUs have already come to decisions around how student learning will be evaluated, if at all, and those plans vary widely, from feedback only to maintaining regular grading practices. We, the Department of Education, Maine

School Board Association, Maine School Superintendents Association, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities, Maine Education Association, Maine Principals Association, and Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, have a deep conviction that any learning evaluation policies or practices must come from a stance of equity and compassion.

We strongly recommend that SAUs take time to thoughtfully design grading policies and practices that do no harm. Operating from a stance of equity and compassion means beginning with those most marginalized in mind when making decisions. Even during times of regular school instruction, each and every district in the state of Maine had learners dealing with homelessness, food instability, poverty, substance use disorders, and domestic violence, among other stressful and traumatic life situations. Now we see those situations intensifying, and new situations emerging in families that were once stable.

Any evaluation of learning must take into account the reality that many of our learners are in these circumstances. Learning in any of the circumstances noted above is almost impossible, and no student should face a failing grade, or other evaluative suffering, as a result. We encourage SAUs and regions to discuss and determine a system that holds harmless students for whom conditions are outside of their control and as best as possible prevents any further learning inequities.



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Executive Order Regarding Professional Certification for Educators

Today Governor Mills issued [Executive Order #52](#) to assist educators impacted by the COVID-19 disruptions with completing their certification and/or Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) processes. The Executive Order includes the following:

- If you have a certification expiration date of February 1, 2020 through July 1, 2020, and have completed all needed components, you are encouraged to renew your certification now. This certification will be valid for five years;
- If you have a certification expiration date of February 1, 2020 through July 1, 2020, and, due to interruptions caused by COVID-19, you do not have all completed documents for renewal, your expiration date will be automatically extended by one year of the original expiration date. The expiration date of such a renewed certificate will be four years from the date of renewal issuance;
- For applications submitted during this period of state of emergency, enforcement of the requirement for fingerprinting is suspended until 30 days following the end of the

state of emergency;

- For applications submitted during the of state of emergency, enforcement of the requirement for Praxis testing is suspended;
- A conditional certificate that, because of incomplete coursework, is due to expire on July 1, 2020 is extended to July 1, 2021.

While the Maine Department of Education (DOE) encourages educators not impacted by COVID-19 to renew on time, those educators who have not applied for renewal by July 1, 2020 will be granted a one-year extension. For those educators receiving a professional certificate extension who apply for renewal in 2021, their next renewal cycle will be four years, rather than five, and will expire July 1, 2025.

Educators on their third year of a conditional certificate who have not applied for a new certificate by July 1, 2020, due to unfinished coursework, will receive an extension of one year.

Due to the limited Educational Testing Service (ETS) testing sites and tests available, the submission of Praxis exams is waived for certification from March 15, 2020 until 30 days after the expiration of Governor Mills' Civil Emergency Order. Thus, educators in the process or applying for initial certification will have the testing requirements waived.

The Executive Order also provides for issuance of a temporary CHRC due to the limited availability of fingerprinting locations in Maine. An educator receiving a temporary CHRC will need to be fingerprinted immediately following 30 days after the expiration of the Civil Emergency.

We have created a table and decision-making diagrams to assist you in proceeding with your certification and/or CHRC actions. The table can be found [here](#). The initial certification diagram is [here](#), and the renewal diagram is [here](#).

Please for further information email the Certification Team at Cert.doe@maine.gov.



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Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:08:05 PM

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Executive Order Revises Permitted Use of School Bus Flashing Lights During Remote Learning

Today Governor Mills signed Executive Order #52, An Order Regarding Certain Education Matters, [found here](#), which included the easing of restrictions for the use of flashing red lights on school buses during the state of emergency due to COVID-19.

With many School Administrative Units (SAUs) utilizing school buses to provide for education and school nutrition resources for their students, the use of the school bus flashing red lights was deemed necessary to alert drivers to **stop** for the school bus while the bus is stopped for approaching or disembarking students or staff.

The Executive Order specifically states that, "The Department of Public Safety is authorized during this period of emergency to suspend enforcement of 29-A M.R.S. §2308(4) and permit the Department of Education to authorize school bus drivers to use flashing red lights on school buses to control traffic while delivering food, supplies and other school related materials to students and their families."

For further information, please contact Pat Hinckley at pat.hinckley@maine.gov or Lt. Bruce

Scott at bruce.g.scott@maine.gov.



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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: FW: [Test]:Guidelines for Returning to Buildings
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:16:01 AM

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli –

Thanks as always for all you do.

As we discussed including yesterday on the 5pm call, we are getting questions about teachers being required to return to buildings and in some cases it has caused concern. Below is the guidance we will be sending out this afternoon (I think 1pm). Grace will be following up with Eileen about areas where this is bubbling up.

Let us know if you have any concerns or questions.

Best,

JK

M: 207.458.1312



From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@email.maineea.org>
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As the State reopens, how does this relate to public school buildings/offices?

Many MEA members are asking this question as some districts are asking employees return to school buildings as more of the state “opens” back up. The MEA offers the guidance below to members who are now being asked to physically return to buildings/offices.

Although essential functions can be done in person, changes of in-person staffing in school buildings

should be fairly limited and must still be driven by what is essential and only can be done in person. (See below for a more detailed explanation)

For those schools who do have staff performing essential functions in school buildings, the required checklist for how to return to work (see below) should be implemented to make the work environment as safe as possible for all. For example, educators should not have to return to a building to have an in-person meeting that could be done over a virtual platform. But, for example, if materials need to be dropped off by students at a school and staff are needed to collect these end-of-the-year materials, this would be considered something that cannot be done virtually. In this last example, if staff returns, all social distancing and CDC guidelines must be followed.

Executive Orders Support Continuing to Stay Home, Unless Work Cannot Be Completed Virtually

As Maine reopens in a deliberate fashion, it is important to highlight how the most recent Executive Order affects the work from home mandate.

Governor Mills issued Executive Order 55 on Friday, May 29 “[An Order To Further Implement the Restarting Plan](#).” This Order includes a **continued work from home directive**, “until further notice, all businesses and operations shall to the extent practicable continue to have their employees work remotely consistent with Executive Order 19 §II(B).”

Under [Executive Order 19](#), schools are not defined as essential to be open for in-person staffing, however, there are functions schools do that are considered essential for in-person staffing. Specifically, Executive Order 19 identifies “educators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions, if operating under rules for social distancing.” The [Department of Education issued guidance](#) shortly after this defining essential functions as functions such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, and necessary transportation staff. The guidance went on to say, “All functions that do not require in-person staff in schools should be done remotely.”

Executive Order 55 also makes clear that for in-person work all operations must comply with the pertinent [COVID-19 Prevention Checklist or other State of Maine Guidance](#). The relevant checklists include the [general checklist](#) and the list for [public and community buildings](#). These lists have prevention and preparation requirements involving physical distancing and good hygiene to prevent the spread of disease, screening, and operations, as well as cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing and what to do in the case of illness.

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MEA President

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Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:04:11 PM

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FYI – I think the message below is going out momentarily to all prek-12 members.
We will send a follow up message on Wed with one last push.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
JK

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Berry, Shawn [ME] <sberry@maineea.org>; Program Council [ME] <ProgramCouncil@mea.maineea.org>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin

Thank you—I think it's all set to go!

From: Berry, Shawn [ME] <sberry@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Program Council [ME] <ProgramCouncil@mea.maineea.org>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: FW: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin

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Dear MEA Members:

REGISTER: [MEA WEBINAR: A CONVERSATION WITH EDUCATION COMMISSIONER PENDER MAKIN](#)

MEA is pleased to host Education Commissioner Pender Makin for a webinar with members on Wednesday August
th

19 at 7pm. The Commissioner will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the Department of Education's plans to support schools during this unprecedented time.

Specifically, the Commissioner would welcome feedback on the Department of Education's Draft Framework for Return to In-Person Instruction, found [here](#). The Draft Framework will continue to evolve and develop, and the Commissioner and the staff at the Department of Education are interested in your feedback and perspective, especially from educators involved in their local planning work.

In addition, the MEA, the Commissioner and the Maine Department of Education all recognize the coming months will be challenging for educators, students and our public school communities. The Department of Education and the MEA would welcome thoughts from educators about the best types of supports and professional development they can help provide to students, educators and public schools during this time.

Once you register, you can submit questions in advance.

[Register Here](#)

You must pre-register for this webinar on Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm.

Best,

Grace Leavitt

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Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:43:52 PM

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli –

Below is another invite to members for the teletownhall on Thursday evening.

And I also wanted to share the information we are distributing about the provisions of the COVID II bill regarding sick and family leave. I will ask Grace and Paula to check in with MSMA to make sure we are in agreement and if there are any concerns maybe we can talk about them on the Wednesday check in call. Hopefully there is no issue.

I have some additional things I hope to send your way today, including a follow up to the conversation I had with the Commissioner this morning. I had a little family emergency but will work on those items and hope to send them along later today or tomorrow am.

Best,
JK



From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Noyes, Erin [ME] <enoyes@maineea.org>
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MEA and MDOE Zoom Webinar Update on COVID-19 and our Schools

On **Thursday, April 2nd at 7pm**, MEA invites you to join MEA President Grace Leavitt as she welcomes Maine Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin and DOE staff to share the latest information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our students, educators and our school communities.

MEA has put together this **live tele-town hall event** to provide our members access to those who can directly answer some of the questions you may have as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. This tele-town hall will give members the opportunity to hear directly from the Commissioner and ask questions to our panel of experts. Please join us this Thursday at 7pm for this live event.

[Join the Zoom Webinar](#)

INFORMATION ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

What MEA Members Need to Know about the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which goes into effect on April 1, provides protections for American workers that include increased funding for unemployment, paid emergency sick leave, paid family and medical leave for COVID-related childcare, free coronavirus testing, increased funding for Medicaid, and emergency funding for food security initiatives. These initiatives include strengthening the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), loosening restrictions on schools that provide meals to students, and increasing the number of potential feeding sites if COVID-19 disrupts the food supply.

Your employer, regardless of size, must now provide paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave under certain conditions related to the impact of COVID-19. The bill is in effect from April 1 until December 31 of this year.

The U.S. Department of Labor has provided a summary of the Act:

PAID LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS: Generally, employers covered under the Act must provide employees: Up to two weeks (80 hours for full-time, or a part-time employee's two-week equivalent) of paid sick leave:

- 100% for qualifying reasons #1-3 below, up to \$511 daily and \$5,110 total;
- 2/3 for qualifying reasons #4-6 below, up to \$200 daily and \$2,000 total; and
- Up to 10 weeks of expanded family and medical leave for qualifying reason #5 below, paid at two-thirds pay up to \$200 daily and \$12,000 total. A part-time employee is eligible for leave for the number of hours that the employee is normally scheduled to work over that period.

QUALIFYING REASONS FOR LEAVE RELATED TO COVID-19: An employee is entitled to take leave related to COVID-19 if the employee is unable to work, including unable to telework, because the employee:

1. Is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19;
2. Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19;
3. Is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis;
4. Is caring for an individual subject to an order described in (1) or self-quarantine as described in (2);
5. Is caring for his or her child whose school or place of care is closed (or child-care provider is unavailable) due to COVID-19 related reasons; or
6. Is experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (U.S. Dept. of Labor poster, Employee Rights)

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES: In general, employees of private sector employers with fewer than 500 employees, and certain public sector employers, including all public schools, are eligible for up to two weeks of fully or partially paid sick leave for COVID-19 related reasons (see above). *Employees who have been employed for at least 30 days* prior to their leave request may be eligible for up to 10 weeks of partially paid expanded family and medical leave for reason #5 above.

The U.S. Dept. of Labor has provided information on the emergency paid leave and FMLA expansion. For more information, details of the bill, a flyer and a Q&A sheet explaining its contents, click on the links below. If you believe you are eligible and require leave for the qualifying reasons listed, please be in touch with your employer. If you have further questions, please contact the MEA/your UniServ Director.

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)

[USDOL COVID-19 website](#)

[FFCRA Q&A sheet](#)

[Paid leave requirements](#)

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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
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Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:12:19 PM

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Commissioner and Kelli –

FYI – I just wanted you to see that we have started the outreach for the Teletownhall event on Thursday at 7pm.

Best,

Jk



From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Noyes, Erin [ME] <enoyes@maineea.org>
Subject: [Test]:SAVE THE DATE! MEA and MDOE Joint COVID-19 and our Schools Update

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This will be a ZOOM event. A link to join will be emailed to you soon. Please continue to check your email, and save the date and time!

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To: [Lambrew, Jeanne M](#)
Cc: [Grace Leavitt](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Shea, Bear](#)
Subject: FW: conversation with Dr. Pontius
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:41:00 AM

Hi Jeanne,

Grace Leavitt from MEA shared the email below and I would be most grateful for the opportunity to connect with Dr. Pontius to learn more about what's offered for health care workers and to see if perhaps he could expand to support an educator version of this work? I completely understand that this is your contract and would gladly apply resources toward that if feasible. Or, it would be great to just learn about the program and see if we could emulate it in some way on our own (maybe with Bear Shea, for example)...?

Thanks for considering,
Pender

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>
Subject: conversation with Dr. Pontius

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Good afternoon, Commissioner Makin,

I think I mentioned last week at some point that Dr. Ed Pontius reached out to me because he had been in touch with the President of our MEA Retired group, Kay Grindall, about the possibility of training some retired educators in PFA (Psychological First Aid) so that they would be able to help educators deal with stress/anxiety as the school year gets underway. I had a lengthy conversation with him Friday evening about what he has been doing with Maine FrontLine/WarmLine and helping healthcare workers. He asked me to reach out to you to ask you if you could speak with Commissioner Lambrew about this (Dr. Pontius said he has been working with Dr. Pollard and Amy Belisle at DHHS)—it seems that that conversation—between you and Commissioner Lambrew--would have to happen in order for him to do this.

Kay seemed sure there would be retired educators who would be interested in getting this training and assisting with this, and I know that the level of anxiety among our members is high and likely to only get higher in the coming weeks.

I'd be glad to talk more about what he has shared with me (or forward his emails to you if you'd like). Just let me know if that would be helpful.

Thank you!

Grace

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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: FW: school athletics
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:16:03 PM

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I'm forwarding what I just sent to MPA—maybe include this at the next DOE et al meeting?

Grace

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Michael Burnham <MBurnham@MPA.cc>; mbisson@mpa.cc
Subject: school athletics

Good afternoon,

As schools are adopting their 'reopening plans', we are hearing from more and more educators about the concerns for safety measures being implemented and enforced, and some have raised questions about school sports, especially what staff are seeing on playing fields. I've read the guidance that MPA has out and the concern is how well the guidance is being followed, but also how that guidance may impact the safety requirements for any in-person plans for schools and make them more difficult to enforce. Added to that is the news now about the increase in COVID-19 in younger people and the long-term effects of the virus, especially potential damage to the heart. Will the MPA guidance for sports be reviewed soon and possibly modified to reflect some of this? I'm hoping that this could be a topic at a meeting with DOE/MSMA/MCLA/MADSEC also, but I'm also glad to talk with you first, too.

Thank you for your thoughts on this,
Grace

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Cc: [DOE Directors & Coordinators](#)
Subject: Feedback on Draft Framework
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:28:59 PM

Good evening,

As described last night we are sharing this ***confidential and embargoed*** draft of a framework for resuming classroom-based instruction. We are sharing this with you to receive your feedback, but we ask that because of the sensitive nature of the document, that you do not share it with others.

Thus far, the framework has been developed based on feedback and questions we've received (from many of you – thanks!), as well as a whole host of other plans and reports (again, many that you have shared!). As we've explained, this is really step one of a document that will evolve and mature as health information continues to come in, and practices are discussed and reviewed.

As this is not a finished document (and won't be for some time), you'll see some **highlighted** areas. These are placeholders for links and other work that still needs to be done.

Members of this team can access the document [here](#).

As a reminder, we need your comments on the draft framework by mid-day Friday so that we can review and send out another draft to superintendents. We will then gather as a team next Wednesday to dig deeply into the document.

Thanks again. We are inspired and encouraged by your partnership with us!
~Dan

+++++

Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

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Subject: For what they are worth
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:19:11 PM
Attachments: [COVID SOP Protocols \(1\).pdf](#)
[STAFF TRAINING COVID 2020.pdf](#)

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I've attached PDFs of the two documents we've created and are putting out to staff. I hope they are helpful in some way. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Curriculum Director
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Subject: Framework for Transitioning back to In-Person instruction (Meeting agenda - Zoom link to be sent by Dan)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:32:39 PM

Dear Stakeholders and Team,

At our meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00, we'll be asking for your thoughts and ideas with respect to a framework to guide our collaborative decision making and guidance around re-opening schools for in-person activity and to possibly provide statewide minimum standards for provision of what will inevitably be a hybrid and multi-faceted service delivery model for quite some time (at least for students and staff in high risk categories).

We'll organize our work in accordance with the hierarchy of human needs and will emphasize the following:

Physiological Health and Safety

Social, Emotional, Mental Health

Engagement and connectedness

Learning considerations

In terms of:

Decision points

Equity

Logistical considerations and resources needed

I'm attaching an example (one of many sent to us by superintendents) and look forward to hearing your thoughts on this.

In coming weeks, we'll build in the details based on input from the field.

Please watch for a ZOOM link via email from Dan Chuhta!

Pender Makin

(she, her, hers)

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Subject: Framework for Transitioning back to In-Person instruction (Meeting agenda - Zoom link to be sent by Dan)
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:39:00 PM
Attachments: [Reopening Schools - Planning Tool.docx](#)

Dear Stakeholders and Team,

At our meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00, we'll be asking for your thoughts and ideas with respect to a framework to guide our collaborative decision making and guidance around re-opening schools for in-person activity and to possibly provide statewide minimum standards for provision of what will inevitably be a hybrid and multi-faceted service delivery model for quite some time (at least for students and staff in high risk categories).

We'll organize our work in accordance with the hierarchy of human needs and will emphasize the following:

Physiological Health and Safety

Social, Emotional, Mental Health

Engagement and connectedness

Academic Learning

... Each in terms of:

Critical decision points

Equity

Logistical considerations and resources needed

I'm attaching a detailed example (one of many sent to us by superintendents) and look forward to hearing your thoughts on this. It's an adaptation of the San Diego model for reopening schools, and is among the most comprehensive and clear checklists we've received.

In coming weeks, we'll build in the specific details that are needed and feasible for all Maine schools, based on input from the field.

Please watch for a ZOOM link via email from Dan Chuhta ...

Thank you,

Pender Makin

(she, her, hers)

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At the request of several members, we sent out this survey a few minutes ago. Please feel free to share it with your members. The results will be open to everyone.

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Please take a moment to complete the following survey. We are collecting information about the evaluation of learning policies districts from around the state. The results will be available to all.

[Evaluation of Learning During Emergency Distance Learning Survey](#)

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Subject: Fwd: MEA/MDOE Video Town Hall -- Special Education Services During COVID 19

I will be doing this - please put on my calendar. Thank you!!
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Hi John Kosinski,



This is a reminder that "MEA and MDOE Joint Update on COVID-19 and our Schools" will begin in 1 hour on:
Date Time: Apr 2, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Another communication to our members. Fyi.

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COVID-19 Daily Update 3/17/2020

Going forward, MEA will provide frequent updates regarding the changing situation surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on our students and schools. Please understand, this situation is changing rapidly and MEA is doing its best to provide the most up-to-date information as possible, understanding that information and guidance could change daily. The items below are issues the MEA is working toward, as the Association continues to speak with state and local officials.

Reporting to Work and Sick Time

An item in yesterday's update around sick leave caused some confusion. To clarify, MEA recommends for Local Associations to connect with the school district and get agreement that individuals won't have to use their own sick time, if you need to be out of work to care for a family member or if you are in a high-risk category. That's the goal. If agreement cannot be reached on that attempt, try to gain or increase access to a sick leave bank that is replenished

by the district, based on need, so people will not run out of paid time. *Until individuals hear otherwise from their Association, they should use sick time for these absences using normal school district reporting requirements and not access unemployment or go unpaid.*

Someone at My Work Location Tested Positive

In the event that someone at your work location tests positive or presumptive positive for COVID-19, MEA recommends you follow all of the proper social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC, keeping yourself at least 6 feet from another person and never gathering in a group of 10 people or more. If you are in a high-risk category, please see the sick time guidance above.

Additional Recommendations MEA is Advocating For During This Time

1. MEA recommends that all public employees and higher education faculty and staff continue to be paid their regular salary and benefits during the crisis. *(In progress-MEA expects an update from the Commissioner on this item shortly.)*
2. MEA recommends that all teachers and education support professionals NOT be required to enter any school buildings while they remain closed to students. MEA recommends that all staff be allowed the flexibility to work remotely. If it is necessary for some staff to be in school buildings, it should be on a very limited basis, with provisions for strictly following the most recent CDC guidelines and with the utmost regard for keeping all involved safe.
3. MEA recommends that all custodial staff receive and use proper safety gear while cleaning.
4. MEA recommends that all mandatory standardized testing be suspended for the remainder of the school year. *(In progress-The Commissioner will be applying for a federal waiver, per this recommendation)*
5. MEA recommends that all professional development requirements be suspended for the remainder of the school year.
6. MEA recommends that all teacher certifications scheduled to expire in 2020 be extended until 2021.
7. MEA recommends that all higher education faculty evaluations be suspended for the remainder of the spring semester.
8. MEA recommends that all local presidents and employer representatives maintain regular communication during the crisis to keep lines of communication open. *(In Progress)*

9. MEA will speak with the Commissioner of Education to recommend that any educator(s) working with students covered under an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan be held harmless for any provisions of IEP/504 plans that cannot be met as a result of the ongoing school closure and for any period of remote learning.
10. MEA recommends all local associations engage with employers on the impact of school closure, specifically on health and safety, who is expected to work, help and resources for remote instruction, delivering of food and instructional materials.
11. MEA recommends that for those who are currently enrolled in a pre-service program at a public university in Maine that any student teaching time should be completed this year, or if that is not possible, that time should be waived.

MEA would like to thank our members, local leaders, and administrators who are setting reasonable expectations and working hard to keep our students and staff safe during this difficult time.

If you have questions, please reach out. MEA is here to support you during this time.

Contact us! <https://maineea.org/coronavirus/>

Stay Safe,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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Good morning – we know that humor helps get us through situations like the one we are in . This video attachment takes a little while to load, but it is well worth it, and helps explain why it is that we really have no explanation for things that are happening. I usually don't get caught up in these types of things during the day – but today was an exception – it provided a good belly laugh.

Have a good start to the week.

Steve

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Subject: Georgias Reopening Plan
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:44:57 AM
Attachments: [georgias k-12 recovery plan.pdf](#)

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Hi—Here is Georgia's Reopening plan. ek

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Subject: Graduation and Summer School
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:58:47 AM

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Hi Pender and Dan,

Thank you for continuing to provide the support and structure for our weekly DOE and Ed Orgs calls. We find these immensely valuable and encouraging as we continue to stay afloat and stay positive!

In anticipation of continued work this week on the guidance related to graduation and summer school by Emily Poland and her group, I wanted to share a couple of concerns we are hoping may be addressed in guidance. In some school districts, there is a practice and/or requirement for staff to attend graduation ceremonies. Given the current best thinking around the transmission of the virus and the Governor's Executive Orders, we don't anticipate that in-person ceremonies will be permitted; however, if ceremonies were planned as in-person events, we would want for staff attendance to be voluntary, as we imagine it would be for students and families as they assess their own comfort levels with safety. While some staff may opt to attend and to do so safely, others may still not be comfortable come June or even later this summer with in-person public contact especially in larger gatherings. We want people to feel and to be safe.

In terms of summer school, we are concerned about school districts moving forward too quickly with in-person instruction and without consideration for the wide range of comfort levels that staff will have with returning and/or the appropriate PPE necessary to really keep students and educators safe. Educators are eager to return to more normal in-person contact with their students because they know it is what students need. In most instances, school district administrators will be prudent, but we are worried about those who won't be and may be pushed to require educators to return with little or no flexibility. The situation remains now and for the foreseeable future very tentative and cautious. It's hard to know just what the summer or fall will bring. We want to continue to acknowledge and find ways to address the very different ways that educators will be comfortable proceeding for a variety of reasons.

If at all possible, we would be very appreciative of the opportunity to receive a quick presentation of the guidance before it goes out. That would allow us an opportunity to identify any potential challenging areas and/or issues.

Thank you,

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Subject: Guidance on Athletics and co-curriculars for summer- MPA
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:17:05 AM
Attachments: [MPA plan summer 2020.pdf](#)

Good morning all,

As Mike mentioned on the call this morning, MPA is releasing their guidelines for summer activities. They are aligned with the DOE and governor's stages and many other states' guidelines, and have involved community health experts in the preparation.

There are for profit athletic programs running, and there has been pushback with MPA guidance when these programs seem to be operating at full capacity with little to no precautions (such as a 60 team basketball tournament held recently in Southern Maine), but MPA has been very deliberate, collaborative and thorough, and has based their decisions on best practice and science.

Please reach out to Mike with any questions.

Have a great day everyone!

Kelli

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Subject: Health and Safety Councils
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:27:11 AM

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Hi Commissioner –

Below is a concept I discussed with you yesterday regarding the creation of “health and safety councils” by school district. We feel like something like this is critical. We all know Maslow, and if we want the reopening (or whatever we do in the Fall) to go well, there must be a way for staff and others to have honest discussions over their feelings of safety.

I would love to get your thoughts on how best to proceed. I will be sure to share with Grace and Paula and see if there is room to bring this up on their 5pm call with you and others today.

Thanks for all you do.

Best,

Unified Guidance Proposal – Development of School District Based Health and Safety Councils:

Due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the pandemic and the need for students, parents, staff and community members to feel safe and secure as schools reopen to create a health and product learning environment, the DOE, MSMA and MEA (others?) puts forth the following unified guidance for a collaborative, problem-solving approach to reopening. This will ensure the broadest scope of concerns are considered and addressed before reopening in order to reassure our communities and stakeholders that schools are taking all appropriate actions to continue to foster a caring learning environment.

A Health and Safety Committee will be established in each school district to create a plan for school reopening. The Committee will consist of staff, administration, representatives from the school board, parents, students and health care professionals in the community. The staff members on the Committee shall be the majority and be selected by the Local Association, where there is an Association.

The Committee will provide a problem-solving setting to deal with issues and concerns regarding the reopening of schools. This will allow issues to be proactively addressed so students, parents and staff feel safe and secure in our schools upon reopening. The Committee shall make decisions by consensus.

Among other considerations in creating the reopening plan shall be:

- The reopening does not expose students, parents, staff and the community to health risks.
- The reopening does not create unsafe or hazardous conditions for students or staff or require the performance of tasks that unreasonable endanger their health or safety.
- The reopening shall be consistent with all orders and guidance from the Governor, DOE, CDC and any other appropriate agency.
- The reopening will provide considerations for addressing reservations students, parents and staff have as they adjust to the reopening.
- The reopening plan will provide plans to determine learning loss from the interruption of the 2019-20 school year and provide paths forward from where students are.

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Subject: How Long Should a Remote School Day Be?
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:04:10 AM

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Hi all,

Thought this was an interesting article on remote learning and length of school day. Jill

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2020-05-04-how-long-should-a-remote-school-day-be-there-s-no-consensus>



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Hello all,

More guidance from the US Department of Education- Office of Civil Rights and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation. I have attached the document. At the end of the document is information about timelines. Take Care and hope everyone is taking the change to enjoy the sunshine. Jill



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Supplemental Fact Sheet

Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities

Today, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the Department has released [new information](#) clarifying that federal law should not be used to prevent schools from offering distance learning opportunities to all students, including students with disabilities. This new resource from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) explains that as a school district takes necessary steps to address the health, safety, and well-being of all its students and staff, educators can use distance learning opportunities to serve all students.



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Subject: Interesting article with 4 scenarios for reopening
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:37:08 PM
Attachments: [Pandemic Planning for Distance Learning Scenarios and Considerations for Pre FrNYXy8.pdf](#)

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This Article just came my way in a newsletter. The guide itself which I attached is quite extensive and may be of use as we consider the many scenarios we may be facing this Fall, Jill

What Will Schools Do in the Fall?

Here Are 4 Possible Scenarios

By [Emily Tate](#) May 27, 2020



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As the current school year comes to a close, looking and functioning nothing like what any of us could have imagined mere months ago, another challenging school year looms ahead. Although nearly every U.S. state has begun, in varying degrees, to [reopen](#) businesses and relax lockdown restrictions, there is still little certainty—or consensus—as to what the future of education holds this fall.

In [a new guide](#) released today by the Washington, D.C.-based think tank [New America](#), the three authors—an instructional designer and two former teachers—lay out four possible scenarios for what school will look like in the 2020-21 school year, based on present understanding of the COVID-19 virus and [health experts' advice](#) for school re-openings.

For starters, the authors note that there is little reason to believe that a

“normal” school year is within reach. In fact, the authors—Kristina Ishmael, senior project manager of the Teaching, Learning and Tech team at New America; Rebecca Heiser, a lead instructional designer at Pennsylvania State University’s World Campus; and Jennifer Payne, an educational technology coordinator at an online school in Colorado—hardly even considered a return to previous education arrangements in their projections.

This is in part because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released [guidance](#) advising schools to refrain from re-opening until they are able to screen students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to anyone with symptoms, and until they can protect students and staff who are considered high risk, should they become infected.

All four scenarios laid out in the New America guide are predicated on the idea that distance learning will, in some way, be folded into every school’s plans for the coming year.

Also underpinning these various scenarios is the critical need for professional learning and development over the summer.

What has taken place during the last two-and-a-half months, the authors contend, is “crisis distance learning,” brought on by near-ubiquitous restrictions on movement and stay-at-home orders since March. “The spectrum of crisis distance learning ranged from ‘drive-by’ course material pickups to telephone check-ins to haphazard online lesson plans and ad-hoc video conferences, all of which can be considered a low-fidelity migration to support continuity,” the authors write.

School staff should use the summer break to pause and catch their breath, and re-evaluate how they approached distance learning this spring. Administrators should take the time to invest in their staff, ensuring that everyone is on the same page and creating a fluid, on-the-fly plan for transitioning from face-to-face instruction to distance learning in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak during the school year, the report suggests. The summer is also an opportunity for educators to improve the quality of their remote instruction, in the event they must teach remotely again.

Below are summaries of the four scenarios the authors lay out. As they write, “none are perfect solutions—each has its own set of challenges and drawbacks and we recognize that each district is approaching this from different contexts, depending on levels of funding, resources and support up to now.”

1. Brick to Click Learning

The gist: The school district will begin the academic year with traditional, in-person classes, but will have planned and prepared for an outbreak that

causes the school community to transition swiftly to distance learning.

The details: Over the summer, teachers will receive training in delivering online learning and will be flexible and able to transfer their in-person instruction to an online environment. The likelihood of another outbreak is “relatively high,” so staff will need to move quickly. “For example, if the number of cases jumps quickly mid-week, the district would send home instructional materials within 48 hours and then continue learning online the following week,” the report describes. “This scenario requires all educators, support staff, students, parents, and caregivers to remain nimble in the likelihood that there are quick changes in the way learning is accessed.”

2. Click to Brick Learning

The gist: The school district will continue online learning in the fall, monitoring public health benchmarks and communicating with local government and health personnel to determine when it is safe to return to brick-and-mortar classrooms.

The details: Over the summer, teachers will receive training in delivering online learning. All academic content will be taught online for the duration of the school year. Any potential reopening will prioritize not instruction but advising and relationship building.

Should the school re-open to allow for face-to-face interactions, students can expect to come for half days or every other day, to adhere to existing social distancing guidelines. In this scenario, school staff will need to take special care to account for students’ mental health, technical problems, social-emotional needs and individualized support services. They will also need “to consider online learning the primary method of working towards competency in a grade level and/or content area, while in-person learning is focused on relationship-building and developing non-academic skills.”

3. Blended learning

The gist: The school district will offer a hybrid learning environment, in which both face-to-face instruction and online instruction are provided in a consistent, easy-to-follow schedule throughout the year.

The details: Over the summer, teachers will receive training in delivering blended learning. The school will choose from one of several blended learning models. One possible route would be to offer in-person instruction one day a week and online learning the rest. Younger students, who need more

assistance and supervision, may need to attend in-person classes more frequently than older students. This scenario, while asking the community to use both online and in-person learning simultaneously, would make a school well-positioned to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak, as it could quickly move to full-time online learning.

4. Online learning

The gist: The school district will provide all instruction, programming and support services remotely so as to best protect the health and safety of students and staff.

The details: Over the summer, teachers will need at least 80 additional hours of professional development to prepare adequately for an entire year of online teaching. Technological infrastructure should be scaled and secured, as necessary, and communication technologies should be used to their full advantage “to pay close attention to the development of each child and ensure that appropriate grade-level growth is happening while learning takes place at a distance.” This scenario is most appropriate—or perhaps only appropriate—for middle and high school students, since younger students would need an adult at home, which can create complications for working parents.

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Coronavirus Remote Instruction Leadership Teaching & Learning



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Attachments: [JVS ReOpening Plan 20-21 \(1\).docx](#)

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Good morning,

The attached was just sent to me. Note the crossing out of the word 'required' and replaced with 'recommended' wherever masks are mentioned.

Also, in the beginning it states the "CDC's Recommended Model"—of course I may have missed something somewhere, but I have not seen that the CDC has a 'recommended model'—just that the 'green' designation means a district may have in-person if such and such...not that it is recommending a model...

Hoping multiple efforts can head off this becoming the 'plan' and that the school board can be reminded that they lose funds if they aren't following requirements (also, if they have already received funds, wouldn't they have to then return them?)

Thank you all—
Stay well!

Grace

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Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:13:48 PM

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Hello everyone!

I received this from Greg Waples, Senior Manager, State Engagement and Outreach for NASSP. I found it to be very interesting.

Holly

Passing along this very helpful new resource from Johns Hopkins University in case you hadn't seen it yet: a tool that tracks and analyzes school state reopening plans across the country. It also includes a compilation of some of the guides and recommendations on reopening put out by national groups. It's a very helpful one-stop-shop to find a lot of this information.

<https://equityschoolplus.jhu.edu/reopening-policy-tracker/?source=email>



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Subject: Joint Statement on Grading Draft
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:36:06 PM

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Good Afternoon Team,

Here is my go at a draft of a joint statement about evaluating learning. You all have editing rights, so PLEASE go in and edit, revise, suggest, etc. I know it needs help!

Best,



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Subject: Kudos
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:55:19 PM

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Grace, Pender, Paula.

Thanks all that you are doing!

I am focusing my time these days on support for staff. For people who were on the call, I can say for me, I feel supported!

I am conducting a community circle on zoom tomorrow for 15 of Lewiston's Central Office Staff. We are focusing in on grief.

I am excited about it.

Stay safe, and again KUDOS!

James E. Ford
Restorative Practices Coordinator
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Subject: Latest Exec Order
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:23:13 PM

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli –

I will try to reach you to talk more – or it would be great if I could connect with Kelli if you are not free – but I worry the Governor’s executive order will generate even more questions in the field regarding school personnel and we want to try and get ahead of this issue.

Below is some guidance we typed up and would like to share – but again, we want to be aligned with the Dept during this crisis to the extent possible.

I would love feedback or suggestions – my team will be discussing this at 9am tomorrow.

Thanks for all you do.

Best,

Jk

What is an essential public-school employee?

On March 31st, Governor Mills instituted Executive Order 28 further restricting public contact and movement, schools, vehicle travel and retail business operations. In addition, cities and towns are also placing new provisions in place, which restrict operations of non-essential businesses, new questions have arisen about the definition of what it means to be an essential public-school employee. We have heard concerns from many members that they are still required to come physically to work to perform some duties that are not immediately essential.

The Department of Education has stated all school employees are essential. The Priority Notice from the Dept of Education on 3/27/20 says: “All school employees are considered to be ‘essential’ under the Governor’s more recent Executive Order #19, and should be expected to complete all duties and tasks assigned to them.”

Although school employees are essential, their physical presence at school is not, except in limited circumstances. In light of the Governor’s “Stay Healthy At Home” order at this critical juncture to flatten the curve, staff in schools should be restricted to an absolute bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as nutritional services to students – and only as long as social distance requirements are being implemented and the fewest numbers of employees possible are on premises when conducting such services. All functions that do not require in-person staff in schools should be done remotely.

It is important to note, the Governor’s Executive Order from 3/19/20 and guidance from the Maine Department of Education from 3/20/20 provide that all salaried and hourly public-school employees remain paid for the school year. This guidance stands.

The MEA believes the Governor’s most recent Executive Order further clarifies the roles and responsibilities of public-school employees during this time.

Employees able to work remotely should continue to do so and raise any concerns with their local association leadership or your Uniserv Director.

Essential employees should continue to go to work if they are there to perform essential functions. CDC guidelines should be strictly followed including social distancing of at least 6 feet from all other people.

Essential employees should be kept to the bare minimum necessary to execute the nutritional programs for schools and to execute any remote or distance learning plans for students.

Employees that are not essential to the nutritional services programs or remote learning program for the school should be placed on paid leave until at least April 30th when the Executive Order is currently scheduled to expire.

Any essential employees that feel unsafe for any reason, should have access to their own sick leave, the new federal leave program if applicable, a district sick leave bank or other paid leave. Such scenarios are being implemented differently all over the state and members should directly with their local association leaders or the Uniserv Director to best understand their rights.

All schools must strictly abide by the latest recommendations of the CDC. As of this writing, the CDC recommends physical distancing and regularly maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others, regularly washing hands, and regularly cleaning and wiping surfaces.

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/2020-03/executive%20order%20on%20paying%20hourly%20employees.pdf>
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19/commishupdate#3-20>

Right now, food service staff are preparing meals for children and families, school janitors are deep cleaning classrooms, bus drivers and teachers' aides are delivering meals to children at home, school nurses are continuing to provide children's health support and volunteering for Maine Cares – all at a greater risk of contracting the coronavirus without adequate PPE to lessen exposure. It's those same workers, who after a long shift, return home to their families and community not knowing what they were exposed to that day. It's clear: our country can't safely get back to work without first protecting those who are working on the front lines.

The lack of PPE has further amplified this crisis because we don't have clear guidance for workers in critical jobs based on science; rather it is driven by the lack of PPE and insufficient testing. Guidance has become cloudy and less stringent because there simply isn't enough PPE or testing for people to do the jobs that are critical for our country to function. When we put frontline workers at risk, we put the rest of our country at risk. While we cannot magically fix the shortage of PPE, we can take common sense steps to ensure that only staff required for essential services and engaged in immediately essential services are in our schools, and that those who are in our schools are being protected and following the most current CDC guidelines for social distancing, cleaning, and ventilation.

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Subject: Leaving Maine
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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to let you all know that I am leaving the MEA as of the end of this week. I will be heading back to Maryland to work for MEA's sister organization there, which is where I worked before coming to Maine. My reasons are both personal and professional – my husband has been unable to find professional work here and he's been fortunate to also find work back in Maryland; Maryland is closer to my stepson in D.C. and provides quicker travel back to my parents in Wisconsin, which gives me some greater comfort knowing I can get there quickly if needed. I will miss Maine in so many ways (I think I already do!), but my path leads back to Maryland at the moment.

I've enjoyed the important work with the MEA, working with Grace and the wonderful staff and members. I've also appreciated working with all of you! Without a doubt, you are all some of the most thoughtful, capable, respectful people I have ever worked with in your roles. We've worked through a number of interesting things, nothing of which can ever likely match this immediate COVID-19 situation. I am truly grateful to have had the chance to work together and I wish you all the best, and hope the good cooperation and collaboration continues on.

Rob Walker will be rejoining the MEA as interim Executive Director. Could you please be so kind as to include him in future meeting invites? His email is rwalker@maineea.org. Thank you.

Warm regards,

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Subject: Letter from Colpitts
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Hi Commissioner –

This is one of the letters we mentioned from a superintendent that was very well received by the employees there.

It was prepared by Rick Colpitts, the super in RSU 17 Oxford Hills.

Best,

JK

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[MCLA 2020 Curriculum Leader of The Year](#)

Jon Doty, Ed.D

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
RSU #34

[MCLA 2020 Instructional Coach of The Year](#)

Penny Allen

RSU #12

*Please Join Us in Celebrating
Jon and Penny*

at a

Virtual Celebration

Thursday, May 28

6:00-7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89192196952>

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Hello All,

Today we shared the attached document with our members and friends. We created this in collaboration with many of our members over the past week.

 **MCLA Tiered PLanning For Continuity of Learning**

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Hello,

An MCLA member sent out this survey and shared the responses with us. It captures what the remote learning plans and expectations are for students and staff.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YIDUO1yqvzQr3b_zIovLgwvbfndCZJTM5Kxtp7Hh1Y4/edit?usp=sharing

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Good Morning Commissioner Makin and Kelli,

I hope you are both managing well given the COVID-19 outbreak impacting all of us.

I wanted to share guidance that we hope to send to leaders today addressing numerous inquiries we have received from staff and members about how to address the situations arising very quickly in our schools. I am sharing this with you both in the hopes you may have time to review before we send. If at all possible, before we send it, Grace and I would like to see if you'd have time for a phone conversation. We are available anytime noon or later today. Would you have any availability then?

Thank you,

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Hi Kelli –

Very sorry for a delayed response. Grace and I connected earlier about your email to her.

I spoke with the Commissioner this am and there was some confusion. We did not have a webinar planned for tomorrow night. Sorry if there was any confusion on our part. We may have offered that as a date but we never had anything confirmed and usually start to alert our members 5 days in advance.

We would very much like to do a webinar with the Commissioner and Dr Shah if possible. We can be flexible next week but we have found that our Wednesday Webinar series have become well attended. Can we try to set something up for next Wednesday, August 19th?

Let me know if that may work and we can get to work on our end.

Thank you so much and again sorry for the delay.

Best,
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Subject: MEA Zoom Webinar Fall 2020 What to Expect
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Hi Commissioner –

As promised, below and attached is a draft agenda for the webinar tomorrow night at 7pm. We know you may be able to join for only a short time – we will do our best to accommodate.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thanks for all you do.

Best,
JK

MEA Zoom Webinar:

Fall 2020 – What to Expect for the Fall and How Best to Prepare

Date: Wednesday June 17th

Time: 7pm-8pm

In this hourlong Zoom webinar, Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin, MEA leaders and staff will share the latest information about the plan for public schools in the Fall. There are currently no clear answers. We remain unsure whether schools will be allowed to re-open for in-person instruction in the Fall and under what conditions. In this webinar, we will do our best to provide you with the latest information and updates from the Department of Education, and we will hear from some educators around the state and the work they are doing to prepare for the Fall semester.

Outline:

I. 7:00 – 7:03 Grace Welcomes All Attendees:

- Thanks all attendees for tuning in
- Thanks all of the educators for the unprecedented work during this time. Wish there was a way to thank them all for all they have done to help kids during this crisis.
- Tonight we will focus on what a reopening of schools may look like in the Fall, and how we can best prepare. This is an extremely complex subjects and we know there are a multitude of questions from educators – both personal and for their students and schools. We will do our best to answer questions tonight, but we expect the landscape will continue to change between now and August and the MEA will be doing what we can to keep you informed as things develop.

- We know some members have personal health and safety concerns when schools re-open. Many educators may be in high risk categories, or they may live with individuals in high risk categories. The MEA General Counsel, Andrew Mason and others from MEA will lead a webinar next Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm to delve into the health and safety concerns of educators. (link in chat -- **Your Rights and the Realities of Returning to School**). This webinar will focus on protecting the health and safety of educators, especially those in high risk categories and how the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal and state laws impact their rights if/when schools reopen.
- Grace welcomes the Commissioner of Education to the call.

II. 7:03pm – 7:15 pm Commissioner of Education Pender Makin

- Commissioner thanks all of the educators for their hard work, their Herculean efforts and their tenacity and caring during this time.
- Commissioner shares her views about school reopening in the Fall
- Reviews Dept of Ed guidance
- How can educators and school communities best prepare for the reopening of schools in the Fall?

III. 7:15pm – 7:20pm Grace – What We Currently Know about The Fall

- A. The MEA was pleased to take part in the Reopening Task Force convened by the Dept of Education and we hope our voices helped make sure the voices of educators will be heard locally in these discussions.
- B. There are multiple major issues to address in this guidance including but not limited to: PPE for staff, how to maintain social distancing, are masks required of students, how do we maintain small groups of students, the list is endless. This group is trying to provide our best feedback to shape the DOE guidance.
- C. Briefing on NEA “All Hands on Deck.”
 - a. Grace talks about the work of NEA in crafting this document.
 - b. Reflect on some key components of the document – key issues to raise up

IV.7:20-7:25pm What To Expect, What Not to Expect for Fall 2020:

- What we should not expect:
 - Statewide requirements – we expect the DOE will continue to produce guidance, but we will likely not see statewide mandates on all schools. The guidance from the DOE is just guidance, and we can expect things will be done differently across the state.
- What we should expect:
 - County or regional plans – superintendents meet by county and are likely developing plans on a county-wide basis. As we have seen throughout this crisis, the state has made decisions based on county data and we can expect a similar approach for school **reopenings**.
 - The guidance created by the ME DOE will be based on CDC guidance and may evolve – recommendations to maintain small groups of students, have students wear masks, maintain social distancing, etc **will likely remain for schools as long as the CDC recommends these activities for the general public**. This will result in **significant challenges for schools and will require innovative thinking to accommodate**.
 - Schedule changes – We can expect schools will need to get creative on how to bring students back. Examples of schedule changes:
 - Some school districts outside of Maine are contemplating bringing kids in for 2 days a week for on-site instruction per week, so some students may attend on Monday and Tuesday, others on Thursday and Friday, with Wednesdays scheduled for thorough cleanings.
 - Other are looking at bringing students in for 4 days per week, every other week. ½ students attend the first Mon-Thurs, and the other half attends the following week for Mon-Thus on-site instruction. There is some thought that the intervening period when students are not present could help identify any potential COVID 19 outbreaks, but this science is not confirmed!
 - Some students will likely not return: National polling tells us this pandemic has caused great concern among parents, and while parents overwhelmingly report their kids miss the social and emotional elements of their schools, many parent are deeply concerned about the spread of the virus and may be interested in pursuing remote learning or homeschool options even if schools completely re-open.

Districts must prepare for hybrid learning options that keep all students connected to their local public schools and the resources we provide to all students – extra curricular, foreign languages, special education services, not to mention the social and emotional aspects of our classrooms which help teach kids to be a good human to your fellow human beings. We must keep these kids engaged in our public schools, despite the legitimate health concerns of parents and the trauma this crisis has inflicted on families all over our state.

- Now we will turn it over to hear about how some districts are beginning to prepare for the Fall . . .

BREAK – TAKE QUESTION – We will take a question picked by the panelist group to raise up and ask of the Commissioner on the call.

V. 7:25pm – 7:35pm Teachers/Educators Talk about the Planning They Have Underway for the Fall:

- Bangor – Heather Bendure, Cyndy Fish (5 mins)
- RSU 12 – Deb Demos, Adam Hamel (5 mins)

VI. Addressing Health Concerns of Educators – Grace

- We have heard from some members that they are concerned about their own health if schools return in the Fall. We know some members may have conditions that place them in a high risk category for COVID 19. Some educators live with or care for individuals that may be at risk. The MEA will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm to share more about your rights, what you can expect, etc. We will be sharing that info via email and you can also sign up by clicking the link in the chat (link to webinar for ADA and legal concerns)

VII. 7:35pm – 7:55pm Q and A:

- We can expect a ton of questions during the webinar. I suggest we raise up the 5 major questions in the Q and A, and try to answer them live. Questions can be answered by Grace, the Commissioner, CJ, Andrew or in writing from Giovanna.

VIII. 7:55pm – 8:00pm Wrap Up – Grace and Commissioner

- We hope this was helpful. We know there are more questions than answers. We are doing our best and we encourage educators to stay in touch over the summer as things develop. Reach out to your Uniserv Director, or ME (gleavitt@maineea.org) We are doing everything we can to make sure educators have all the information we have about the

future.

- Pender – wrap up. Thank educators for their work and partnership – closing remarks.

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I meant to send the link last evening—you may have already seen it on the mea website, but I'm sure sending the link is easier: <https://maineea.org/news/covid-19-3-18-2020-pay-info-update/>

Grace

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Cc: Paula Voelker <pvoelker@maineea.org>; John Kosinski <jkosinski@maineea.org>
Subject: MEA info

Hello, all,

Steve and Jill asked me to share what MEA has been communicating to members. Glad to do so. It is actually posted on our website: <https://maineea.org/coronavirus/>
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Grace

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Subject: MEA/MDOE Special Education During the COVID 19 Crisis Video Townhall
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:58:13 PM

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Wonderful – thank you Kelli. I am moving you to cc and Commissioner Makin and Deputy Commissioner Chuhta to bcc, and I have included members of the MEA team on this email as well.

We are super excited you are willing to partner with us on a video town hall to help inform special education teachers, ed techs and others about how we can best meet the needs of students during this time.

I have pasted below you for the proposed timeline and approach for each. We would love for Commissioner Makin or Deputy Commissioner Chuhta join us at the beginning if they are able and willing. I know educators in the field appreciate hearing from either or both of them.

I think the first order of business is finding a time for us to make this happen. We found 7pm is a good time for our members. For the town hall last week, we had 650 educators join.

Will Monday April 13th 7pm-8pm work for you?

If not, will Wed April 15th work?

Once we confirm a time, we can start notifying members and publicizing the video town hall and getting information out.

We will likely ask to have one short call with you just to run through the agenda, get you any questions we have in advance, and to help the event go smoothly.

We have good screening and quality control measures in place with the technology to hopefully avoid any “zoom bombing” or other disruptions.

Thanks again and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,
JK

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Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Erin Frazier, Director of Special Services

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- If we are unable to provide a service called for in an IEP, how and when should schools begin to adjust those services?
- Many parents of special needs students are under increasing stress at home as well, what efforts are being made to help those parents whether this crisis?
- If a student is unable to meet the requirements called for in their IEP, what types of flexibility can we expect to make sure our students can move onto the next grade?

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:58 AM

To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>

Cc: Frazier, Erin <Erin.Frazier@maine.gov>

Subject: RE: Topics for Additional DOE Web Mtgs

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Hi Erin and John!

John thank you for setting this up and Erin thank you for agreeing to do this for our Maine educators. I will let you two chat with one another about format and topics to decide which team members will be most helpful.

As mentioned, we will work to have Pender/Dan or both at the top of the event just give some gratitude for all the work being done.

Kelli

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>;
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Subject: Topics for Additional DOE Web Mtgs

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Dear Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli –

Thanks again for taking the time to “meet” with educators during the video townhall last Thursday. We had nearly 650 educators join and many stayed on for the entire hour. It was a huge success.

The MEA is very interested in continuing this partnership with the DOE, if you are willing and able.

Attached and below are three additional video townhalls that we would like to work with DOE if you and the staff are willing and able. We feel the topic of special education continues to pop up and any guidance we can give to educators would be warmly welcomed.

If staff from the DOE were willing and able to work with us on this, we would love to see if we might be able to schedule one or two of these for next week.

Thanks for all you do and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,

JK

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Proposal for Additional Townhalls with the Maine Department of Education

Background: The MEA and MDOE video townhall on April 2nd was a smashing success. At the high point, nearly 650 educators were watching, and nearly 600 stayed for the entire hour. We answered many of the questions from the field, and we are working to provide guidance for other questions that came through the Q and A section.

The feedback from MEA members and participants was overwhelmingly positive and we hope, in conjunction with the Dept of Ed, to offer more opportunities for MEA members and educators to get questions answered and to hear guidance as to the impact the current closure has on specific issues related to public schools.

Below are three immediate video town halls we would propose to happen over the next 2- 3 weeks if possible.

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Topic #2: Remote Learning and Digital Divides: How Are Schools Coping with Remote Instruction

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Page Nichols, Chief Innovation Officer, Dept of Education

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: This hour-long town hall will attempt to highlight how districts are implementing remote learning. In addition to hearing from Page about the Dept's efforts to address the digital divide, perhaps we can have a presenter or two from schools that have positive remote learning experiences. Sharing best practices seems important at this juncture, especially as more educators and parents and students grapple with this transition.

Possible questions may include:

- Does the state have an assessment of how many students do not have access to the internet for school purposes? How many students do not have a reliable device to use for school purposes, and how many do not have a workable broadband connection?
- What is the state doing to help expand broadband to more families with students and to get workable devices to those that need them?
- Clearly remote learning will only exacerbate inequity among students. What is the Department doing to address the inherent inequity of remote learning?
- Educators have struggled with how to grade student work that is done remotely. Does the Dept have any guidance or best practices for analyzing student work done remotely?
- We all know there are students missing from the instructional activities we are trying to provide to students. How do we work together to address the needs of these students?
- What are some best practices for remote learning? What districts are doing this well and what are they finding is working for educators, parents and students?

Topic #3: Trauma for Educators During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Bear Shea

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: The COVID 19 pandemic has been a traumatic for many families, and disruptive for all families. We hope this video town hall will help provide resources to educators in how to address the traumatic effects of this crisis with students, parents and their peers,

Possible questions may include:

- What should we be doing to try and allay concerns from students?
- We are getting a lot of questions from parents about the rest of this school year and how students can complete the year. Is there a trauma informed approach you can recommend we consider using when talking with parents and students?
- What are some “best practices” for trauma informed education during this time?

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Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:12:41 PM

John, I might have to go out and come in again-you are breaking up and the slides aren't moving for me

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Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:03:08 PM

sorry for my lateness..... i had another emergency meeting... I'll bounce in in a minute

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Time: Mar 25, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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mary--maybe log off and back on?

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Subject: Maine School Year 20-21 Models Folder Information
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:22:27 PM

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Greetings,

Kelli and I have worked out a plan for creating a single source for sharing district plans for the return to school:

1. MCLA will create and host a Google Folder called "Maine School Year 20-21 Models"
 - A. Folder Organization
 1. Subfolders for proposed plans, draft plans, and published plans
 2. Plans organized by Superintendent Regions
 3. A "start here" document with explanation of the intent of the sharing
 - B. Folder Permissions
 1. All access will be "view only" (other than folder managers)
 2. Advanced options will be activated to prevent access changes and limit sharing capabilities
2. Each Ed Org who wishes to participate in the shared folder must identify one person to be the folder manager. The folder manager has the following responsibilities:
 - A. Being named as an editor on the shared folder
 - B. Obtaining permission for district plans to be shared in the folder
 - C. Adding district plans to the appropriate folders
 - D. Monitoring the folder and updating/removing documents as needed
3. Sharing Process
 - A. An email explaining the shared folder will be shared with all folder managers
 - B. Individual orgs invite members to voluntarily contribute
 - if a district is uncomfortable about sharing, they do not have to
 - C. Individual orgs share access to the folder with members

Please email me directly to let me know who your folder manager will be! Kelli and I are already on as folder managers.

Courtney Belolan
She/Her/Hers
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Subject: Maryland Recovery Plan
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Attachments: [MSDERecoveryPlan.pdf](#)

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Hi all,

Not sure whether this one went out already. This is Maryland's Recovery plan, it is quite comprehensive. There are also some good pieces around special education transportation and FAPE (visuals that are in the appendix). See you all on Wednesday evening, Jill



Jill Adams
Executive Director

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Subject: Meet and Consult Date
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:23:47 AM

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Please see the link below to a Doodle Poll for our group to come together and start the discussions about strengthening the Meet and Consult model. Once we have a date, we can decide where to have the meeting.

<https://doodle.com/poll/kvie43w425nheg63>

Thank you!
Holly



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Meeting

Health and Safety Council discussion

Meeting Time

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:00 PM - Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:00 PM

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Subject: Missouri SBA, Center on Education Safety - reopening plan
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:13:10 AM
Attachments: [Missouri SBA - Center for Education Safety - Pandemic Recovery Considerations, Re-entry and reopening.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

To continue to share good plans that have come forth, and I listened to the implementation of this plan and a state that has some similarity to ME with regard to local control and then need to tailor plans to the unique circumstances of our communities.

Have a good day.
Steve

From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Grace Leavitt](#)
Subject: Mou
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:14:29 PM
Attachments: [doc01410520200325135015.pdf](#)

Thanks for having a look at it. I hope you have a wonderful Sunday morning!

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

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Attachments: [NEA All Hands on Deck Initial Guidance for Reopening Schools 2020.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

I had mentioned that NEA was working on guidance also, and I did just receive this this morning and wanted to share it with you all.

I know the task force framework is about to come out, but as is clear to all, things will keep 'evolving' so hopefully we will keep sharing anything pertinent as things become available.

Grace

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
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Hi Commissioner –

As promised, attached you will find a few slides from a survey we did with NEA in April. The survey was a national survey of parents and educators, but we had a sample of nearly 1400 Maine educators and we were able to parse out that data as well.

The presentation is a lot longer and I am going to walk through it with the staff of DOE on Thursday.

In May of 2020, we conducted a survey of Maine educators to take a new look at remote learning. I have included a few slides from that presentation that may be what you are looking for.

I hope this helps and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: NY Times article re grading - thought you might be interested
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:13:27 AM

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Good morning – here is a NY Times article that I thought might interest you – since we have had this conversation already in Maine...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/30/us/coronavirus-high-school-grades.html>

Have a great day – stay dry!

Steve

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Next Communication from MEA Re Covid
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:26:20 AM

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HI Commissioner –

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me last night. As promised, below is our latest message that will likely go out to all members.

I had a conf call with all MEA staff today and there are three things emerging.

First, anything you can do to help convey that hourly staff should be paid during this time will be most helpful. Districts are doing very different things in terms of hourly staff. In Mars Hill, teachers and staff have been told they will be fired if they do not show up to work. In other places, hourly staff are being asked to sign up for other jobs in the district. IN this time of tremendous anxiety, conveying to hourly staff that they should be paid is critical. Many hourly workers simply can not go weeks without pay.

The second issue is that we need greater collaboration with the superintendents. There was a lot of frustration on our call regarding administrators not being collaborative. The places where collaboration is NOT happening will only discourage productive discussions about how to continue our work for kids during this crisis.

Lastly, it is clear some schools are asking all staff to report to work and at least in one case (Lisbon) the superintendent called all staff into a staff meeting – that is 180 people at least. We should encourage staff to work in very small groups, but we should not encourage large staff meetings to make plans.

I am here if you need me and happy to help any way I can . .and here is the latest communication we intend to send to members shortly – happy to talk with you at any time.

Hang in there,
JK

COVID-19 UPDATE 3/16/2020

PLEASE READ THIS ALL THE WAY THROUGH, AS THERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THROUGHOUT.

As more school districts across the state begin to close to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Maine Education Association is working to ensure our students, school employees and all our families are both safe and taken care of during these unprecedented times. In addition to providing resources to support distance learning, the **MEA is advocating for several key items that both support our educators and students during this time. Below are the key issues the Association has either already accomplished or is working on to help our members and students**
Already Accomplished

1. MEA asked the Commissioner of Education, and she has agreed, to be very flexible in terms of waiving the number of required school days.
2. MEA asked the State to apply for a federal waiver to request the suspension of mandated standardized tests for this school year. It is not known yet if this waiver will be granted, but the request will be made. The U.S. Department of Education said it recognizes the extraordinary circumstances and will consider targeted one-year waivers of the assessment requirements as well as adjusted testing windows, when needed.

Advocating For

1. MEA is working with the superintendents' association to ensure *all* staff are paid, even if schools are closed-this is not guaranteed, but MEA is pushing for this to happen.
2. MEA is advocating for increased flexibility for remote learning days.
3. MEA is advocating for the use of virtual meetings for educators and pushing to keep educators out of buildings. This is not guaranteed, but MEA will push for this to become the new norm for the foreseeable future.

Guidance

1. MEA has not in any way condoning an arrangement where educators are in the buildings throughout the shutdown, regardless of what you are hearing from an administrator. If an administrator has created an arrangement in your district regarding your work that you do not find acceptable/comfortable, please contact MEA immediately. *Your working conditions are mandatory subjects of bargaining, and MEA is here to support you during this difficult time.*
2. MEA recommends you DO NOT agree to use sick time if you need to be out of work to care for a family member or if you are in a high-risk category.
3. MEA recommends if hourly employees are being asked to conduct duties outside of your normal duties that you agree to helping, but only if that duty seems reasonable. For example, an ed tech asked to help pack lunches, in a safe way with enough distance would seem reasonable. If you have a question about what seems reasonable, contact MEA immediately.

MEA Contact Information

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To email us, fill out the [contact form on this page](#). Please select "Connect me with my UniServ Director" as the subject.

To call

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[Caribou](#)-498-3191

The health and safety of our students and staff are our primary concerns during this difficult time. Part of ensuring our families stay healthy means also making sure our students have food to eat. For too many students, they rely on our hot breakfast and lunch programs in school. MEA encourages you to take care of each other and your neighbors during this time, in a safe way.

[If you need remote learning resources, MEA has compiled a list of those as well on our website. In](#)

[addition, if you need support to help deal with the stress of this situation, the CDC provided this specific guidance.](#)

The Maine Department of Education has many resources as well (see below). In addition, MEA encourages you to sign up for the DOE updates, as this situation is changing regularly. [You can sign up for those notifications here.](#)

Remote Learning Resources

- [Guidance to Schools For Continuity of Education Plans/Remote School Days/School Day Waivers](#)
- [Continuity of Learning Resources](#)
- [Remote Learning Resources Primary Grades - Credit: Maine Curriculum Leaders Association](#)
- [Remote Learning Resources Upper Elementary Grades - Credit: Maine Curriculum Leaders Association](#)

These are challenging times and we are in uncharted territory. MEA appreciates your thoughtfulness to everyone's needs during this time. Please be safe, be kind, and reach out with your questions. MEA is here for you and advocating for our educators and students during this difficult time.

In Solidarity,

Grace Leavitt

MEA President

From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Courtney Belolan](#); [Eking](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Valliere, Georgette](#)
Subject: Next meeting SUNDAY 5:00
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:58:00 PM

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Valliere, Georgette **On Behalf Of** Makin, Pender

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:59 PM

To: Makin, Pender; Courtney Belolan; Eking; Chuhta, Daniel; steve bailey; Holly Couturier; Jill Adams; Voelker, Paula [ME]; Kosinski, John [ME]; Valliere, Georgette

Subject: MEA Info. - Zoom Mtg.

When: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Zoom - (see below)

Importance: High

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MEA Discussion

Time: Mar 18, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: [Courtney Belolan](#)
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Subject: Open Resources for Continuity of Learning Planning
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:45:46 PM

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Hello Members and Friends,

MLCA has compiled, and is continuing to compile, resources to support the planning for continuity of learning in the case of school closures and extended absences. Please use the link below to access the growing folder. MCLA Members, please note that this folder is no longer in the Member Drive since it is now open and available to all. We highly encourage districts to have response plans that include giving teachers time and support for making remote learning and extended absence plans.

<http://bit.ly/MCLAContinuityPlanning>

The folder contains:

1.
Examples of remote learning plans and letters home, which will continue to be added to
2.
Tools to guide planning for remote learning
3.
Ideas for low-tech remote learning opportunities, including quick-guide sheets for each grade span
 - a.
As an example, one district is preparing big envelopes for each student with a printed sheet of these prompts, a single subject notebook, two pencils, and a pencil sharpener. Teachers/teams can add other things into the envelope, but there's at least a "baseline" ready to go.
 - b.
A spreadsheet with ideas submitted from members is informing this work - please keep adding to it!
(<https://forms.gle/XiV9kvT9WfaZYN2NA>).

As your district creates plans and materials, please share them with

["director@mainecla.org"](mailto:director@mainecla.org) so that they can be added to the folder. Thank you to all who are helping to put these resources together.

Best,

Courtney Belolan

She/Her/Hers

Executive Director



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Cc: [Smith, Gordon](#)
Subject: Opioid Response Prevention Task Force February 25th meeting minutes
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:11:19 PM
Attachments: [ORPTF - Minutes 2.25.2020.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the minutes from the February 25th Opioid Response Prevention Task Force meeting.

Stay safe everyone,

Cheryl

Cheryl Miller

Office Specialist, Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

<https://www.maine.gov/future/>

From: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
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Subject: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:01:12 PM
Attachments: [PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx](#)

Good balmy afternoon folks!

Please see attached for what we hope is our final edit for the screening guidance. We did incorporate some of the language we discussed in the return to school setting conversation Wednesday and the comments we have received.

We hope to discuss Sunday, and release to superintendents that evening, and the general public on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend all,
Kelli

From: [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [steve bailey](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); ["Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]"](#); ["Voelker, Paula \[ME\]"](#); ["Holly Couturier"](#); ["Eking"](#); ["Jill Adams"](#); ["Cheryl Mercier"](#); ["Courtney Belolan"](#); ["Shelly Mogul"](#); ["mhaney@mdirss.org"](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Megan Welter](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [smhbangor@aol.com](#); [bfles@msad11.org](#); [super@aos96.org](#); [Frazier, Erin](#); [Larsen, Leeann](#); [Madore, Nicole](#); [Poland, Emily](#)
Subject: PK/K Screening Draft Guidance - Feedback Requested
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:52:51 PM
Attachments: [PK K Screening Guidance May 2020 \(5-19-20\) \(002\).docx](#)

Hi all, in response to a number of questions we're receiving from SAUs related to screening, we'd like to ask for your feedback on this document. Please let us know by Thrs if you have any thoughts/feedback/questions.

Thanks in advance,
~Dan

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

Deputy Commissioner

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Subject: Planning Team for Resuming Classroom-based Instruction
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:20:33 AM

Hi Georgette – I'd like to set up a specially-focused meeting with our regular stakeholder group members, key DOE staff, and – as appropriate, Commissioner Johnson (DECD) and Beth B. (GO). I'm thinking it might be best to use the Wednesday evening stakeholder meeting at 5:00 for this and perhaps we should aim for a focused planning session every other week, starting with the coming Wednesday, April

Pender Makin

(she, her, hers)

Commissioner, Maine Department of Education
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Subject: Planning Team for Resuming Classroom-based Instruction
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:36:00 AM

Georgette – I'd like to set up a specially-focused meeting with our regular stakeholder group members, key DOE staff, and – as appropriate, Commissioner Johnson (DECD) and Beth B. (GO). I'm thinking it might be best to use the Wednesday evening stakeholder meeting at 5:00 for this and perhaps we should aim for a focused planning session every other week, starting with the coming Wednesday, April 29th. Please invite the people copied here. Thank you!

Everyone – I've been in touch with Commissioner Lambrew, Commissioner Johnson, and Director Shah regarding our intent to develop an outline, emergency management plans, reintegration plans, educational plans, and other logistics involved in our eventual transition back to in-person, classroom based instruction. Until we have a better understanding of where Maine is on the trajectory of this virus and its future impact on our state, we won't have representation from CDC – however, they will continue to consult with DOE leadership and will join us when there is tangible guidance to share. At this point we are not ready to identify the public health benchmarks that would let us know it's safe to begin that transition. For now, we'll use our regularly scheduled meeting time on Wednesdays at 5:00 (ever other week) to make sure we're working toward readiness for the various possible eventualities. Over time, it will likely become necessary to meet more frequently – but we'll start with this.

The agenda for our first meeting, 5:00 4/29 is as follows:

1. An overarching structure/outline to ensure ongoing attention and planning around the various impact areas (emergency planning, health and safety, social/emotional/mental health, educational considerations, logistics, communication)
2. At least 4 scenarios for fall (everyone's back in class; some are back and some are not; we're still in remote learning; or we're back – but have to revert to remote again due to a resurgence).
3. Overview of the "new now" and the immediate/short-term future
4. Subcommittees to do in-depth planning for specific areas?

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Maine schools and students!

Pender Makin

(she, her, hers)

Commissioner, Maine Department of Education
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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: Polling of Parents
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:25:44 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[NEA Parents Survey Memo 21 \(002\).pdf](#)

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Hi Commissioner –

GREAT talking with you tonight. We will all get through this and our collaboration and continued efforts will produce an even better outcome for students. Thank you for your leadership.

As promised I wanted to share some recent polling NEA conducted of parents across the USA and their reaction to remote learning. This is a national survey and is over three weeks old now, but there were some encouraging data points in the survey that I have attached and captured below. In addition, I wanted you to know MEA is working on another survey of members to better understanding reactions to remote learning and I hope to have some data we can share.

Here are some highlights from the non-biased survey we did of 800 parents across the country. I certainly find comfort in this numbers and hope you do too:

- **An overwhelming 88 percent of parents approve of the job their children's teachers are doing during the coronavirus.** Parents single out teachers above all others tested, with school principals (84 percent) and school support staff (81 percent) right behind them. Approval of teachers crosses partisan lines (91 percent of Republican parents and 87 percent of Democratic parents), gender lines (89 percent of men and 88 percent of women), and regional lines (at least 85 percent in each region of the country).
- **At the same time, parents are struggling with coronavirus pandemic.** More than half (52 percent) express very serious concerns with keeping their children's education on track, the second highest concern after getting sick or close family/friends getting sick (53 percent). The challenge of distance learning may be giving them an even higher level of appreciation for teachers. Concerns about the health and educational challenges of Covid-19 run particularly high with Latino and African American parents.
- **Parents also sense their children's need for socialization with other students and teachers.** When asked to select challenges their families are experiencing with distance learning, parents cite their children missing out on socializing with other students (55 percent) and missing seeing their teachers in person (45 percent) as the top two.

I hope this information brings you some comfort. I believe educators are doing the best they can right now, and I know they so appreciate that we have a responsive and collaborative partner at the DOE.

Hang in there and lets keep sharing positive good news . . .

Best,
JK

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Question Regarding Town Academies
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:57:18 AM

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Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli –

I have what I hope is a very quick question for you . . .

Can you clarify for us if the 6 requirements in the framework also apply to town academies? Are town academies required to abide by the distancing, masking requirements, etc just like public schools?

I see they are slated to receive CRF funds but I thought the town academies were outside of the DOE/state jurisdiction.

Can you clarify this for me?

Best,
John Kosinski
Maine Education Association
Mobile: 207.458.1312

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Question re Waiving of Days
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:32:20 PM

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Hi Commissioner Makin, Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Kelli –

Quick question for you. We have been hearing rumors in the field about the potential waiver of student days and I received the email below this morning. Can you shed any light on where we are with the potential of waiving days?

A superintendent last night told me that the Commissioner told them that student days will be waived (as in spring) at least until Jan 15th and then after that the DOE will prorate student days for the remainder of the year. Has anyone else heard this?

Another question that is popping up is regarding teacher evaluation -- Is waiving the teacher evaluation requirements for a year possible and under what timeframe?

Thank you so much. Its amazing what schools and educators and students are doing right now.

Best,
JK

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); beth.beausang@maine.gov
Cc: [Turowski, MaryAnne](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Questions Re SOP, Return to Work for Close Contacts
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 4:40:38 PM

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Hi Commissioner and Beth –

I hope you are both well. I just had a conversation with Maryanne and wanted to ask your help in answering questions about the CDC Standard Operating Procedures for PK-12 Public Schools. I listened to Dr Shah respond to a question about this today during the 2pm briefing, but I remain confused about a few elements of the SOP and was hoping you could help shed some light. I also heard Dr Shah call the document a draft and that revisions could be coming.

Obviously the language in the SOP labeling school employees as essential employees has caused some concern. We would hope no district would ever require a school employee to return if they are a close contact of a positive case, but we know it will inevitably happen somewhere.

However, the current language is unclear on two fronts:

1. Can school employees be required to work even if they are symptomatic? What if they have a positive test?

Unless I am missing it, the SOP is silent on this question. Here is the relevant section and it describes school employees as essential and then addresses situations where they are a close contact – I don't see any evidence that they can not or should not work if they have tested positive or if they have symptoms:

From the SOP: "School staff (teachers, nurses, bus drivers, etc.), however, are considered essential workers. For school staff who are close contacts of confirmed cases in a school, the school staff may return to work while in quarantine so long as (1) there are no substitute school staff members available, (2) the school staff members take appropriate infection control precautions, including the use of PPE, and (3) the staff remain in quarantine outside of work."

I hope the answers to these questions is obvious but the SOP currently appears silent.

2. Is there no testing requirement for close contacts required to return to work?

At the top of page 5 under "Outbreak Response," there is language about testing for close contacts and non-close contacts, and from a typo it appears an original version of this read that "students, teachers and staff" cannot return to school with a negative test. Now the sentence only refers to students and the next sentence states "Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines in Section F." However, the next sentence says that all non-close contacts, including "students, teachers and staff" with a negative test can return to work. It doesn't make sense to say close contacts can return to work but non-close contacts need a negative test to return, or am I missing something?:

Here is the relevant section of the SOP (top of page 5):

Close contacts: Students, with a negative COVID 19 test cannot return to school. They must complete the 14-day quarantine. Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines outlined in Section F.

Non-close contacts - Students, teachers and staff with a negative COVID 19 test can return to school after cleaning is completed

I hate to split hairs but the SOP is a critical document for schools and we are already getting

anxious questions about the provision that would allow educators to return to school even if they are a close contact. After reviewing further, we found what may be more inconsistencies and would appreciate any help you can provide.

Best,

John Kosinski

Maine Education Association

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Cc: [Turowski, MaryAnne](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Questions Re SOP, Return to Work for Close Contacts
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:09:40 AM

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Non-close contacts - Students, teachers and staff with a negative COVID 19 test can return to school after cleaning is completed

I hate to split hairs but the SOP is a critical document for schools and we are already getting

anxious questions about the provision that would allow educators to return to school even if they are a close contact. After reviewing further, we found what may be more inconsistencies and would appreciate any help you can provide.

Best,

John Kosinski

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Good morning as well,

Also for our afternoon discussion are two other items of concern if we could address these:

1. Status of probationary teachers, and timelines that cannot be kept to complete evaluations – can they / should they be “given” another year?...especially year three probationary teachers moving to continuing contract... or can this be an option?
2. School budget approval, if having to wait until after the “gathering limitation” is lifted, can mean significant hardship for districts who are in the process of obligating funds for new construction, etc., with payments that are due July 1, 2020.

Thank you.

Steve

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Subject: RE: 5/13 Planning Team for Resuming Classroom-Based Instruction
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:27:29 PM

Good afternoon all,

We're very appreciative of the ideas and questions that many of you have shared regarding returning to school! In preparation for conversation around the many angles and factors related to this effort, we've asked a number of folks from the Department to convene focus groups of school stakeholders that are not generally represented in our education organization meetings (such as transportation directors, CTE, business managers, data coordinators, adult education, counselors/social workers, etc.)

In order to give them additional time to meet and discuss, we're going to *cancel tomorrow evening's meeting*, and resume on 5/27, which is our next scheduled meeting. We'll be in touch closer to that date with an agenda and plan for the meeting.

I hope you're all well, and take some time to enjoy the sun!

~Dan

(P.S. Everyone should have received a Google invitation from me after our last meeting. The folder "Returning to School Task Force", contains meeting notes, sample plans and documents gathered related to returning to school, and the focus group notes. If you did not receive that, please let me know!)

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Subject: RE: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:42:37 PM

Good evening, we are looking forward to our meeting tomorrow. Below are the agenda and Zoom instructions for the meeting. You may wish to familiarize yourself with both the CDC guidance, as well as the framework (links embedded below) before the meeting! Thanks in advance, ~Dan

AGENDA

Welcome: 10 min

Small Group work: 60ish minutes (groups randomly created based on last meeting's attendance... others will be added in!)

Group 1 (Parts I and IV):

- Steve Bailey, Karen Kusiak, Tammy Ranger, Paula Voelker, Jill Adams, Jessica Nixon, Janette Kirk, Mike Bisson, Rich Meserve, Gail Senese,

Group 2 (Parts II and III):

- Matt Haney, Grace Leavitt, Rob Susi, Joanne Allen, Beth Lambert, Eileen King, Dwight Littlefield, Tyler Backus, Pam Ford-Taylor, Shelly Lane, Roy Fowler,

Group 3 (Parts II and III):

- Stephanie Fyfe, Shelly Mogul, Mike Burnham, Emily Poland, Cheryl Mercier, John Kosinski, Jaci Holmes, Lee Anne Larsen, Walter Beesley, Erin Frazier, Angel Loreda

Group 4 (Parts I and IV):

- Courtney Belolan, Vicki Wallack, Holly Couturier, Page Nichols, Roberta Lucas, Megan Welter, Jonathan Shapiro, Janet Rivard, Charlotte Ellis, Mary Adley, Michael McQuarrie

Groups 1 and 4 with Part IV will need to brainstorm ideas rather than review!

Round 1: 30 minutes

1. Select a recorder and reporter
2. Focus on the first Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
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 2. Review the comments submitted on the first assigned Part, and discuss

Round 2: 30 minutes

1. Focus on the second Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
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 2. Review the comments submitted on the second assigned Part, and discuss

Whole Group work: 40 minutes

1. Part by Part report out and discussion

Conclusion and Next steps: 10 minutes

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Subject: RE: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:11:05 AM

Hi John – the zoom link is at the very bottom of the email...

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta –

FYI – I was not sure if I was invited to the Returning to School Task Force, but I see I was included in a group in an email you sent yesterday. I am excited to participate but I will need a link to join. Can you help me with that?

Thank you and have a great day.

Best,

JK

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Subject: FW: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force

Hi John,

Please see below. You are included in the small groups, but I did not see your name within the emails.

Thanks,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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From: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:43 PM

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Good evening, we are looking forward to our meeting tomorrow. Below are the agenda and Zoom instructions for the meeting. You may wish to familiarize yourself with both the CDC guidance, as well as the framework (links embedded below) before the meeting! Thanks in advance, ~Dan

AGENDA

Welcome: 10 min

Small Group work: 60ish minutes (groups randomly created based on last meeting's attendance... others will be added in!)

Group 1 (Parts I and IV):

- Steve Bailey, Karen Kusiak, Tammy Ranger, Paula Voelker, Jill Adams, Jessica Nixon, Janette Kirk, Mike Bisson, Rich Meserve, Gail Senese,

Group 2 (Parts II and III):

- Matt Haney, Grace Leavitt, Rob Susi, Joanne Allen, Beth Lambert, Eileen King, Dwight Littlefield, Tyler Backus, Pam Ford-Taylor, Shelly Lane, Roy Fowler,

Group 3 (Parts II and III):

- Stephanie Fyfe, Shelly Mogul, Mike Burnham, Emily Poland, Cheryl Mercier, John Kosinski, Jaci Holmes, Lee Anne Larsen, Walter Beesley, Erin Frazier, Angel Loreda

Group 4 (Parts I and IV):

- Courtney Belolan, Vicki Wallack, Holly Couturier, Page Nichols, Roberta Lucas, Megan Welter, Jonathan Shapiro, Janet Rivard, Charlotte Ellis, Mary Adley, Michael McQuarrie

Groups 1 and 4 with Part IV will need to brainstorm ideas rather than review!

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2. Focus on the first Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
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1. Focus on the second Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
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Whole Group work: 40 minutes

1. Part by Part report out and discussion

Conclusion and Next steps: 10 minutes

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Subject: RE: 6/10 Returning to School Advisory Committee Mtg Agenda
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:38:35 AM

Hi all, a quick update that there's a new version of the document as of 10AM this morning. I've updated the links below, as well as on the agenda. Talk to you this evening.

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From: Chuhta, Daniel

Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:47 PM

Subject: 6/10 Returning to School Advisory Committee Mtg Agenda

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Subject: RE: 6/10 Returning to School Advisory Committee Mtg Agenda
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:43:18 PM

Good evening,

I wanted to share the information, below, and encourage you to look for updated information related to the framework and Maine schools in 2020-2021 over the coming weeks.

Best,

Kelli

Framework for Returning to Classroom Instruction

We are continuing work on the draft document and have updated the Framework for Returning to Classroom Instruction, specifically Section IV: Common Expectations for Hybrid and Remote Learning Models, to include at least three instructional plans, responsive to community health markers. The draft document can be accessed [here](#). The Framework will likely continue to evolve in the next few weeks as we synthesize additional guidelines and information, and we will notify you when there are substantial updates.

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Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:54:55 PM

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Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:19:49 PM
Attachments: [Driver Education Protocols 6-15-2020.docx](#)

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Hi Dan,

Could we please also add the following topics:

- Considerations around clear face coverings – there may be some instances where students need to be able to read lips, etc. I know the DOE is working on procurement of face masks so wanted to raise this.
- Also on the topic of face masks, there are some conflicting messages out there from state government on face masks for staff and students – BMV (attached) protocols for drivers ed and then the ["Public and Community Buildings"](#) checklist and ["Public Library"](#) checklist; also DOE summer school guidance requires students to wear face masks on the bus and talk about wearing face masks per the CDC guidelines in a couple of spots. The DOE reopening guidance seems to de-emphasize the face masks for students.

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Excellent – see you at 645pm.

Lee will send you and Deputy Commissioner Chuhta the panelist link. It may come from MEA Webconference.

Thank you,
JK

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No worries, I had notified Dan and I know he plans to attend. I will also be lurking in the back, as long as that's okay.

“see” you all at 6:45ish!

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Kelli –

I realize I may have been negligent in alerting Deputy Commissioner Chuhta to the webinar we are hosting with Commissioner Makin tonight. Would love to have you both join us if you are able – but no worries if you are unable. We expect about 200 educators to join us tonight and the agenda is attached.

Just let us know if you want to join and we can be sure to get you a link.

Best,

Jk

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Subject: A possible resource - comeback plans

Hello all,

I am sure many of you get the District Administration but just in case I think from my scan and watching a couple of the videos some of this may be helpful to districts as they are looking at their comeback plans. I went to the ERS, https://www.erstrategies.org/tap/ers_briefing_developing_covid_comeback_models_for_fall_2020, website and it appears that many of their tools and resources are free.

Here is the District Administration article: https://districtadministration.com/planning-the-covid-comeback-tools-for-school-reopenings/?eml=20200626&oly_enc_id=5578I5123145I8Y

I have also attached the brief on Decision Points for COVID Comeback Models from ERS.

I want to say how much it has means to MADSEC to be part of this amazing group of Educational Gurus. Thank-you for all you do for the students of Maine! I hope that all of you take some time over the 4th to rejuvenate and connect with family and friends, even if it has to be virtually. Take Care and Be Safe, Jill



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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: AFA Presentation 6.30.pptx
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:57:00 PM

Thank you! I've sent my draft your way...

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Hi Commissioner –

Thank you for the call. Here is a DRAFT of my presentation for tomorrow.
Please let me know if you have any feedback or thoughts.

Best,
JK

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#)
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Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 12:47:53 PM

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Subject: RE: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland--quick update
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:55:00 PM

That sounds like a good next step...

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Subject: RE: Back to School Blueprint
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Nice! Thanks Eileen – we will post this with our other resource links...

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Wow, thank you for sharing this Paula!



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Thank you for sharing! I know that many districts are already working on their own plans and are basing much of that work on existing models like this. Our work this afternoon/evening-and going forward-is to recommend specific considerations that would likely apply across all of the different plans and models.

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Subject: RE: CNCLD: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:21:38 PM
Attachments: [NLMP Collaborating in a Crisis Safe Reopening of School Buildings FINAL.pdf](#)

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Just got this (attached) from the NEA President this morning.

The NEA document I have mentioned should be out today or tomorrow and I'll share that also.

Grace

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Hi all, hope you're enjoying the weekend so far!

We're going to cancel our Sunday meetings for now and just connect on Wednesdays. Not to be confusing, but I think we'll leave the calendar invites on so that if we do have things come up that need to be addressed more urgently, the Zoom info will be ready for us!

Be well,
~Dan

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(he, him, his)
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Subject: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in

When: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Where: Zoom (see below for details) Dan Chuhta is the host

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in **(Dan Chuhta is the host) !!!**

Time: May 17, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Jun 28, 2020, 6 occurrence(s)

May 17, 2020 04:00 PM

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Subject: RE: COVID 19 3 24 UPDATE
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:02:00 PM

Hi John –

Just getting home – these are long days. I’m working on my update du jour and will be addressing these issues... I’m in agreement with all of what you’ve got in the update, with the tiny caveat that we’ll not be holding districts responsible for compliance with **state statutes and regulations** around PE/PG systems. We don’t intend to go so far as to override or insert ourselves in the locally developed and adopted systems, and would expect each district to determine what makes sense in terms of their local processes.

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As I discussed with the Commissioner on Sunday, our members will likely have a plethora of technical questions regarding all of the rules and laws impacting their jobs – certification, PE/PG, number of days, etc. We expect these questions will all begin to bubble up very soon and we would like to be in front of these questions.

Attached is a DRAFT guidance we would like to send to members. Before we send it, we wanted to make sure we were in alignment and agreement about the various points we raise with members. If there are any areas of disagreement, we are more than happy to engage more to better understand. Our primary goal is factual information to our members, and easing of their concerns during this time of unprecedented upheaval.

Thanks for all you do and please let us know if we can be helpful in any way.

Best,
JK

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Sounds good!

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Good morning – as we collect resources to help us craft plans to reopen – here is one more that may be helpful. This one speaks specifically to SEL concerns.

Steve

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to support reopening schools with SEL at the center. Social and emotional learning is critical to re-engaging students, supporting adults, rebuilding relationships, and creating a foundation for academic learning, especially in these unprecedented times. In response, CASEL released a new brief today, *An Initial Guide to Leveraging the Power of SEL as You Prepare to Reopen and Renew Your School Community*. School leaders can take action now using this guide to co-create supportive learning environments where all students and adults can enhance their social and emotional competencies, feel a sense of belonging, heal, and thrive.

This resource can be accessed here: [Leveraging SEL as you Reopen and Renew Your School Community](#). They are also working on a more comprehensive resource that the Center is assisting with which will be available in June.

Also, in partnership with NAESP, this Friday at noon central, CASEL will be joining principals to review this new resource and discuss practical considerations for reentry as part their our [CASEL Cares Webinar Series](#). [Register here](#).

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Hi Grace – I think so – last week was a blur and I had to go back and check your email and attachment. Thanks. Good to see the same thing from four of our national organizations (NSBA, NEA, AASA and CCSO).

Steve

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I haven't compiled anything but we do talk about it on my weekly Go To "Regional" meetings with the principals.

Wednesdays in particular are my High School focus days and prom and graduation specifically are discusses. No one has brought up end of school year dates as of yet.

Holly



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Subject: Collecting Data Around Common Questions

Hello!

Has anybody started to compile answers to some of the following questions?

- end of school year dates
- prom plans
- grading

I have had several members ask me, and there has been some informal information gathering on our email group. It would be helpful if anybody has started compiling this information if it could be shared among all of us.

Courtney Belolan

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: RE: Concerns about Drummond, OOB Super
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:28:00 PM

Thanks John – We have to keep working together for the greater good ... it will be quite a journey.

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:39 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Commissioner,

As I mentioned, below is the email from Drummond raising questions about the impact of unified guidance, with the main sentence highlighted, and a less than kind email from the super in RSU 23 (OOB) regarding concerns from custodians about returning to work. I hope you agree it is a problem if the Drummond attorneys are purposefully undercutting the unified guidance from DOE when we are all working collaboratively to get that done.

Thanks for all you do. Hang in there.

Bets,
Jk

From Tom Trenholm, Drummond and Woodsum, undercutting Unified Guidance:

“As noted in the Governor’s relevant order (15), all school employees are essential, and hourly employees are expected to continue to work (including performing maintenance and cleanup) or they are being paid to ensure they are available to work (“to meet changing needs so that schools can promptly provide the widest range of services”). **The DOE has also issued guidance (twice), but that guidance does not have the force of law and it does not supersede your CBAs – the most recent guidance says it is a “point of discussion and consideration.”** So long as you are asking the employee to do work related to closing out this year or preparing for next year, I think the work is also essential. Also, if you are following guidance for mitigating health and safety risks presented by the virus, then you are fulfilling your obligations regarding health and safety (See Article 11).”

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From: John Suttie <jsuttie@rsu23.org>
Date: Thu, Apr 23, 2020, 10:55 AM
Subject: Re:
To: Lisa St. Louis <lstlouis@rsu23.org>
Cc: Mark Knowles <mknowles@rsu23.org>

Hiu Lisa and Mark,

I'm not sure why we have to clarify anything regarding their work schedules as they are essential employees. When school closed, we had 1 custodian per day, per school. Two weeks ago Mark changed the schedule to every other day. He then informed them on Monday that all would return to 5 days a week. Jameson is 35,000 square feet. Loranger is 90,000 square feet and we have 3 custodians working at that school, the high school is 70,000 square feet, easy to stay six feet apart in all schools. I question the motives of the people who are asking their representation why they are being scheduled to work.

Custodians will also each have their own area for breaks and to eat lunch. Mark has also instructed maintenance and grounds that they too will be 5 days a week starting May 4th.

The type of work custodians will perform now is generally work they perform during the summer break. This time gives us a chance to be thorough, helps us achieve other aspects of building cleaning and maintenance like painting, repair furniture, etc which is clearly noted in their job description.

Another issue we deal with during summer break is the fact that we have custodians who take vacations. Adding vacations to working every 2nd or 3rd day makes it impossible for us to complete the necessary work.

At this point in the year, there is no reason why custodians can't or shouldn't work 5 days a week. As mentioned, the buildings are large enough to avoid each other and they will not need to work together in close quarters. We have PPE including masks, gloves, and enough disinfectant to take care of anything needed.

Mark would also like to bring transportation workers back 5 days a week as well. Not only is there online training to do, but this would give us a chance to thoroughly work on deep cleaning, maintenance, and other work on vehicles. The document Eric sent out to all staff, RSU 23 Work Expectations During School Closure explains to all groups of employees that they may be assigned to support other areas such as maintenance, transportation, custodial, and food services.

Custodians are considered essential and we have the ability to follow safety guidelines. If they don't want to work they should take vacation days, or reconsider their employment and seek other job opportunities. This will be my last response to you regarding this issue. Thanks.

-John

From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: RE: Concerns re: ventilation et al
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:59:00 PM

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But let's still meet so we can better understand the scope of the concerns and find a supportive solution.

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Thanks—tomorrow either early 7:45? (I only have until 8:45) or any time after 3 –sorry—another crazy day...

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Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 11:52:53 AM

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Thank you! We appreciate the invitation. I will also plan to attend.

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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Cc: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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I can and will plan to attend—thank you so much!

Grace

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From: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 10:59:37 AM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Good Morning Grace and Paula!

We have our annual March workshop planned for Friday, March 6. This is usually a ½ day at the Civic Center with funding and legislative updates etc. We have added a session at the end of the program that will start at 12:20 pm and is expected to go until 1:15 ish. The DOE will conduct a session on Pandemic Planning. They will offer the most updated information they

have and will share available resources. The session will be interactive and will offer the participants an opportunity to share their questions, concerns, ideas and resources with each other and identify ways in which DOE can be helpful.

Steve and I invite you to be our guests (and anyone else you feel is important to invite) for this session. I understand Infectious Disease from the CDC will be there as well.

Please let me know if you can attend!

Best, Eileen

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Commissioner,

We sent out the message below to members (which includes your information from the DOE as one of the links) just to help share information to folks. I am now starting to get specific questions re: the possibility of school closings, etc.

It might be good to discuss this as a group, if that is possible?

Grace

From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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While at this time Maine has no confirmed cases associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the MEA wanted to provide you with the most up-to-date information and resources available to inform and protect everyone in our public schools, colleges and universities. Schools and school districts will want to collaborate with state and local health departments to update emergency operations plans in the event of a pandemic.

MEA encourages you to read this information, consult your collective bargaining agreement and work with your district to create shared understandings and agreements about employment actions related to possible effects of the virus in the event of an outbreak in your area.

Fact Sheets, Updates and Guidance from School Nurses Association

[This fact sheet](#) provides answers to common questions about the 2019 novel coronavirus

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Hi John, sorry we didn't respond to you sooner, but I think you've been (or will be shortly) added to calendar invites and email distributions!

Thanks in advance,
~Dan

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Bets,
JK

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Hi – and I, too, can be available.

Steve

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Hello,

I am still free during the 5pm timeframe we had otherwise set aside for the task force meeting. Would others be open to discussing this then? As with our previous efforts, this may support collaboration and provide an example for local folks to follow that addresses concerns around safety for all and potentially minimizes the likelihood of disputes.

Please do weigh in regarding a conversation at 5pm today. It would be great to hear folks' reactions and thoughts about this.

Best,

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Yes. I can join as well. Vicki

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Steve

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Kelli –

Thank you for sharing and we too share everyone's appreciation.

We have a few small questions and two suggestions:

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Most of the time people unwilling to go to work have concerns about their health and in fact many districts have developed sick leave bank policies to get us through this time. This seems too blanket of a statement when most locals are working to try to accommodate those with underlying health conditions or other high risk categories or those with low levels of sick leave.

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I have captured all of these suggestions in this googledoc in case that is easier to follow:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V7ZQfTJ4Z_R2lICriyD_0JPb0SxRNa-zmYiVCdGoNEk/edit?usp=sharing

Sorry for so many suggestions but I know this is generating a tremendous number of questions in the

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Subject: RE: EO FAQ 2.docx

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Will this come out as a Priority Notice or how will it be distributed?

Thanks,
Steve

From: Deveau, Kelli [<mailto:Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>]

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:26 PM

To: Chuhta, Daniel; Makin, Pender; Grace Leavitt; Paula Voelker; Holly Couturier; Steve Bailey; Eileen King; Vicki Wallack; Kosinski, John [ME]

Subject: EO FAQ 2.docx

Importance: High

Good afternoon folks

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Best,

Kelli

From: [Steve Bailey](#)
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Hi Dan,

I can join the call.

Thanks,

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From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
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Subject: RE: EO FAQ 2.docx

Good afternoon all!

Please join us for a conversation to finalize the guidance at 3PM:

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: EO Staff Guidance Discussion

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

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Subject: RE: Ed Orgs - Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:43:00 PM

Thank you all for working together on this! “see” you at 5!

From: Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; mhaney@mdirss.org; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>
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Good Afternoon,

The subcommittee set-up last week to discuss some issues related to the end of the school year met last week Friday and today. The participants were Steve, Eileen, Holly, Grace and me. My apologies in advance if I missed anyone who had said they wanted to be on the subcommittee – any exclusion was not intentional!

Following is what we have reached as common understandings we support and we believe address needs in the field. We’d like to discuss at our 5pm meeting today, if possible. We are hopeful that this will have the full support of the rest of the Ed Orgs group.

- We understand that some school districts and local associations have already come to mutual agreements regarding the end of the school year, for those that have not yet come to agreement, we offer the following.
- We recognize school districts are making adjustments to the end of the school year with the best of intentions. The exact approach each district takes will vary based on the different needs, specific circumstances, culture, relationships, etc.
- In all instances where a change is considered, the school district and the local association should be in communication and seek to collaborate around any changes. We encourage both parties to be reasonable with each other and work together to come up with ways to best address the changes given this extraordinary situation.
- If remote instruction ends earlier than planned for students in the original school calendar, we encourage the school district and local association to come to a mutual agreement as to what happens. If it is mutually agreed to convert any of the reduced instruction days into workshop

days, such days should be collaboratively planned with teachers to be meaningful and address needs for closing out this school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year. It may also be the case that days otherwise normally worked are mutually agreed to be waived given the circumstances.

- In all instances, the [DOE's Priority Notice "Unified Guidance Regarding Executive Orders and School Personnel: All School Services and Employees are Essential"](#) should continue to be followed, including "...physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distancing and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented..."
- Support staff who usually only work on student days, are held harmless and paid for the days they would have otherwise worked should the school year not have been impacted by any changes due to COVID-19. (See Governor's Executive Order) Any non-student focused work that might be determined should be meaningful and address immediate needs for closing out the school year and/or preparing for the start of the next school year.
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- Retiring educators should be held harmless for any workshop days moved from this year to the next. Steps should be taken to make sure future MainePERS benefits are not negatively impacted by ensuring that pay is not shifted from this school year to the next school year.
- The school district and local association should come to an agreement that addresses any changes to the beginning of the new school year that would impact new educators hired over the summer, such as additional workshop days added to the start of the next school year.
- Any agreements should not establish any precedent given the extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- In the interest of transparency and clarity, we strongly recommend that the parties document any agreement by taking notes that include the date of the conversation/meeting, who participated in the conversation/meeting, what was discussed and what was agreed to. The notes should be shared with the parties so as to confirm mutual understanding and to address any misunderstandings, if they exist, as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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Everyone take time to enjoy a little time off!!!! Remember you need to take care of yourself and your family. Jill



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Thank you!



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Hi Dan – Happy Monday – could you include Vicki on these Sunday and Wednesday emails for meetings? (I just added her into this reply message). Thanks so much. Have a great day.

Steve

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Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:42:07 PM

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Good afternoon – I received another supportive email from NSBA today noting the various businesses and agencies out there supporting the efforts of schools and teachers in this great time of need. I was reminded of a couple here – and people may be aware of these, but if they can be passed along to teachers / schools there could be more resources available for their use:

Donors Choose

<https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>

Teach from Home (Google)

https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/?_cldee=c2JhaWxleUBtc21hd2ViLmNvbQ%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-e94374307b494773aa14a27f58d22434-7780a7dec90e405688eb2e6152b514fb&esid=63a79df5-9e7a-ea11-9c3d-00155d00798c

Free Virtual School Assembly Program - [TEEN TRUTH/365's](#) 15-minute assemblies focus on mental health and student leadership. (From LifeTouch)

Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry thanks all working to ensure that the millions of children who rely on their public school for meals still receive them. Use the [Twitter Storm Toolkit](#) to show appreciation for your local community heroes.

- An emergency grants portal is [here](#). We'll soon release \$5 million in grants, phase one of a multi-million dollar effort.

I know there are many more out there – and you probably are pushing out as many as you can find.

Have a good evening – Try to not pay attention to the “farmer’s fertilizer” falling from the sky this evening and tonight!

Steve

To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eking](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); [mhaney@mdirss.org](#)
Cc: [Megan Welter](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#)
Subject: RE: Ed Orgs Wed Check in
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:49:58 PM

I think that wording sounds fine, Grace

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:46 PM
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Subject: RE: Ed Orgs Wed Check in
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:28:37 PM

Thank you Steve for passing this along!

From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; mhaney@mdirss.org
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Good afternoon – I received another supportive email from NSBA today noting the various businesses and agencies out there supporting the efforts of schools and teachers in this great time of need. I was reminded of a couple here – and people may be aware of these, but if they can be passed along to teachers / schools there could be more resources available for their use:

Donors Choose

<https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>

Teach from Home (Google)

https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/?_cldee=c2JhaWxleUBtc21hd2ViLmNvbQ%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-e94374307b494773aa14a27f58d22434-7780a7dec90e405688eb2e6152b514fb&esid=63a79df5-9e7a-ea11-9c3d-00155d00798c

Free Virtual School Assembly Program - [TEEN TRUTH/365's](#) 15-minute assemblies focus on mental health and student leadership. (From LifeTouch)

Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry thanks all working to ensure that the millions of children who rely on their public school for meals still receive them. Use the [Twitter Storm Toolkit](#) to show appreciation for your local community heroes.

- An emergency grants portal is [here](#). We'll soon release \$5 million in grants, phase one of a multi-million dollar effort.

I know there are many more out there – and you probably are pushing out as many as you can

find.

Have a good evening – Try to not pay attention to the “farmer’s fertilizer” falling from the sky this evening and tonight!

Steve

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: RE: End of Year MEA Webinar
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:21:02 AM
Attachments: [MEA end of year Zoom Webinar.docx](#)

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Excellent. Thank you.

I will talk with my team and will be right back in touch.

Attached is a rough draft of an agenda – but this is just my thinking. We may adjust and of course we are more than happy to discuss with you adjustments.

Thank you again and I will be back in touch.

Best,
JK

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Cc: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: End of Year MEA Webinar

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Best,

John Kosinski

M: 207.458.1312

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
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I hope you are well.

So we talked internally and sadly the end of the year MEA webinar will need to be on Wednesday at 7pm. We would love to have you join us but you indicated this was not the best time. Any chance you can make it work on Wed at 7pm?

I expect this will be our biggest webinar yet. I am betting we get 1,000 educators on the webinar for this.

I also expect members will have a lot of questions to the guidance on reopening schools you mentioned may be ready for distribution in the coming days.

We would have the same quality controls in place as we did for the first webinar with you – no chat, we will screen the Q and A to raise up the main concerns or issues, etc.

If this will work for you, I will work on an agenda and outline for the webinar and share that with you early next week.

Thanks for all you do.

Best,
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Thank you Shelly!



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Subject: For what they are worth

I've attached PDFs of the two documents we've created and are putting out to staff. I hope they are helpful in some way. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: Framework for Transitioning back to In-Person instruction (Meeting agenda - Zoom link to be sent by Dan)
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:58:00 AM
Attachments: [covid response and recovery for meeting tonight.docx](#)

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Thanks,
Steve

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Courtney,

MEA is good with this (removing the parts at the end that you suggested removing about pass/fail/incomplete, etc.).

As for next steps, is this something that we all share out? Has DOE weighed in? Does it come from DOE with all our names on it?

Not sure, but I agree that sooner is better than later...


Thank you in any case!

From: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>
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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 2:40 PM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Okay, thank you!

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 11:31 AM Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org> wrote:

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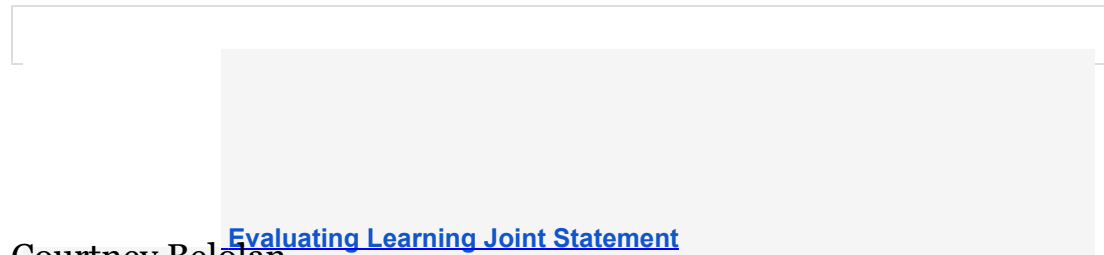
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Best,



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Best,

 [Evaluating Learning Joint Statement](#)

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Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:35:06 PM

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Hi again – just looked at it again and tweaked the letters of our two organizations MSBA and MSSA. MSMA (Maine School Management Association) is the support organization for and houses MSSA and MSBA.

What about pass / incomplete ... I am not for giving failing grades, especially with the last third of the year not even a possibility for students. So I'll need to look at the wording again and also see where DOE weighs in.

Steve

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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:15 PM
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Cc: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Jill Adams <JAdams@madsec.org>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; mhaney@mdirss.org; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@mpa.cc>
Subject: Re: Joint Statement on Grading Draft

Holly has suggested adding in something about how failing students is not an option. I agree with that sentiment, but I think everyone would have to agree, including DOE.

I have not heard anything from Kellie, Dan, or Pender. My hope is that this can be a priority notice.

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 4:02 PM Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org> wrote:

Courtney,

MEA is good with this (removing the parts at the end that you suggested removing about pass/fail/incomplete, etc.).

As for next steps, is this something that we all share out? Has DOE weighed in? Does it come from DOE with all our names on it?

Not sure, but I agree that sooner is better than later...

Thank you in any case!

From: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:39 PM

To: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>

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What are the next steps?

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 2:40 PM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Okay, thank you!

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The survey is separate.

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Does it wait for the survey results to come in or is that a separate effort?

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I have seen people in and out of the draft, and have made changes as they are suggested. Do we think we can get this out soon?

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 11:31 AM Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org> wrote:

Excellent suggestions. Thank you.

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 10:31 AM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Hi Courtney – Thanks for your great start on this document. I’ve been in to add my 2 cents – and shortened it some, and limited the recommendations for actual grading to 2 – though there may well be many. I hope that if you want to reconstruct it, obviously, my additions can be scrapped as well. Just thought shorter might be a little better. Thanks for your work.

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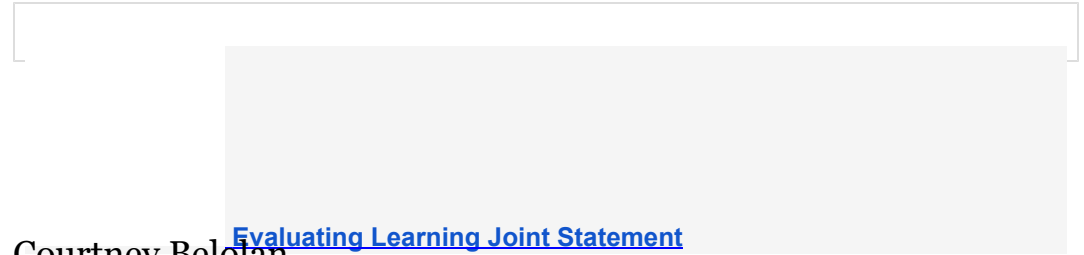
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Subject: RE: Leaving Maine
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:00:29 AM

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Hi Paula – and we were really just getting to know you and all benefitting from the opportunity to work more frequently and collaboratively on many more projects! I can understand your desire to get back to Maryland (though, really with the heat and humidity they are experiencing???). Best wishes to you, and keep the door open for returning to Maine at a future date.

Best wishes,
Steve

From: Voelker, Paula [ME] [mailto:pvoelker@maineea.org]
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Paula,

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Subject: RE: Leaving Maine
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:36:47 AM

Paula, it has been wonderful working with you, and we're sad to see you go. We wish you the very best in Maryland, but please know that you'll always have a warm welcome whenever you return to Maine!

~Dan

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Daniel A. Chuhta

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Subject: RE: MCLA Tiered Planning Document Shared Today
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:55:00 PM

Wow – Courtney! Thank you so much – you’re amazing!!!!

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:06 PM
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Hello All,

Today we shared the attached document with our members and friends. We created this in collaboration with many of our members over the past week.



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Subject: RE: MCLA survey on remote learning
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:40:03 PM

Courtney thank you for sharing, this is super helpful to get a sense of what folks are thinking at this time- as we know this too may evolve as we go, but it is great to have.

Best,
Kelli

From: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:54 PM
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Hello,

An MCLA member sent out this survey and shared the responses with us. It captures what the remote learning plans and expectations are for students and staff.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YIDUO1yqvzQr3b_zlovLgwvbfndCZJTM5Kxtp7Hh1Y4/edit?usp=sharing

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Subject: RE: MEA Guidance - Today
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:22:54 AM

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Thanks Grace - DOE has been posting brief updates and guidance on our webpage in case folks have time to check for alignment with what you all are sharing. I look forward to meeting later!!

Pender Makin
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I also invited my president, Matt Haney to join.
Holly

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I have invited our MADSEC President Cheryl Mercier as well. Thanks for setting this up. Jill Adams



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To: "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, "Chuhta, Daniel" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>, Jill Adams <jadams@madsec.org>, Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>

Cc: "Voelker, Paula [ME]" <pvoelker@maineea.org>, "Kosinski, John [ME]" <JKosinski@maineea.org>

Subject: MEA info

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Stay well,
Grace

Grace Leavitt
President, Maine Education Association
888-622-4418 x2220

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [steve bailey](#)
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Eking](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Valliere, Georgette](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: MEA info
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:51:39 PM

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SAMPLE DRAFT

A Statement from Leaders of Maine's Public Schools

The Maine Department of Education, the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, the Maine Education Association, the Maine Principals Association, the Maine School Boards Association, and the Maine School Superintendents Association are all dedicated to ongoing collaboration and cooperation as we navigate the plethora of concerns generated by the COVID 19 outbreak in Maine for students, educators, and our communities.

More than anything, we are all committed to doing the best we can for our students right now. We appreciate all of the efforts happening in schools and communities all around the state to help deliver meals to students. In many districts, teachers and administrators have gone above and beyond to quickly design remote learning opportunities for students and families. We are overwhelmed by the good work we are seeing during this crisis.

We all agree that our collective efforts are needed right now. We need administrators, educators, school board members, parents and community leaders working together to do the best we can for kids right now.

[We know there are many concerns in the field and even more questions. Educators in the field and others should continue to communicate with their state organization for the most up to date information. We are committed to sharing information among the state organizations and we intend to mirror best practices by working together to find the best solutions we can.

For example, we all agree that it is in the best interest of educators and communities to continue to pay hourly staff during this time. Hourly staff play critical roles in our schools and failing to pay them will only result in further economic harm in our communities.

We will continue to work together on a state level to cooperate and collaborate and to problem solve, and we encourage leaders in our local public schools to do the same.

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:39 PM

To: Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>

Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>

Subject: Re: MEA info

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Thanks Grace - DOE has been posting brief updates and guidance on our webpage in case folks have time to check for alignment with what you all are sharing. I look forward to meeting later!!

Pender Makin

Pronouns: she,her,hers

Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:34:49 PM

To: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>

Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>

Subject: Re: MEA info

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I also invited my president, Matt Haney to join.

Holly

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Holly Couturier
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To: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Subject: Re: MEA info

Thank you!

On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 1:10 PM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Thank you.

Steve

From: Valliere, Georgette [mailto:Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Makin, Pender; Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Courtney Belolan; Eileen King
Cc: Chuhta, Daniel; Steve Bailey; Holly Couturier; Jill Adams; Voelker, Paula [ME]; Kosinski, John [ME]
Subject: RE: MEA info

This has been scheduled for 5pm today and here is the Zoom info. (I will also send you a meeting invite). Thanks, Georgette

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MEA Discussion

Time: Mar 18, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:40 PM

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Subject: RE: MEA info

I could offer this at 5:00 if that works for others?

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:26 PM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>

Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Jill Adams <jadams@madsec.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>

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I have another meeting at 4. Would 5 be possible?

Grace Leavitt

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:24:32 PM

To: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>

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Subject: RE: MEA info

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Would you like us to set up a zoom for later today? I can do it at 4:00 or any time after that....

From: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:22 AM

To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>

Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@mpa.cc>; Jill Adams <jadams@madsec.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>

Subject: Re: MEA info

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I think a shared message would be a wonderful gesture.

Courtney Belolan

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On Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com> wrote:

I would love to see if we could zoom in with each other to touch base. Our call on Sunday feels like it was months ago.

Eileen

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 10:42 AM

To: "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, "Chuhta, Daniel" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>, Jill Adams <jadams@madsec.org>, Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>

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Grace

Grace Leavitt

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: MEA/MDOE Video Town Hall -- Special Education Services During COVID 19
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:34:18 AM

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For today's call? Or for the Thursday mtg?

From: Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov> **On Behalf Of** Makin, Pender
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: MEA/MDOE Video Town Hall -- Special Education Services During COVID 19

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Hi John – where is the info. to join in by Zoom?

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Valliere, Georgette
Subject: MEA/MDOE Video Town Hall -- Special Education Services During COVID 19
When: Thursday, April 16, 2020 7:00 PM-8:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Zoom

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#); [Holmes, Jaci](#); [Herman, Mary](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#)
Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: RE: Maine DOE/MEA Survey Review
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:40:31 PM

Hi JK!

I would love to connect on the survey information and will put this on my calendar. Are we able to review the information or your analysis prior to the meeting so we can be efficient with the time and come with questions, comments and ideas?

See you later tonight- I don't think I got a link, though?

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Kusiak, Karen; Holmes, Jaci; Herman, Mary; Fortin, Chelsey A
Cc: Makin, Pender; Chuhta, Daniel; Deveaux, Kelli
Subject: Maine DOE/MEA Survey Review
When: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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In this online meeting, the MEA will present results from two surveys we conducted of educators in the state and their reactions to the COVID crisis and specifically reactions to emergency learning during the pandemic.

This time worked for everyone by Chelsey. I would hope she will join us if she can, but we hope the others that can join (Karen, Jaci and Mary) will share with her or I can schedule a separate time to run through the findings with Chelsey as well. And of course we would love to have the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli join us, but realize the time may not work for them. We think the findings in the surveys will be useful for ongoing discussions concerning remote learning in Maine.

Best,
JK

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To: [Courtney Belolan](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [steve bailey](#); [Grace \[ME\]](#); [Paula \[ME\]](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eileen King](#); [Jill Adams](#); [smogul](#); [Matthew Haney](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Megan Welter](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: RE: Maine School Year 20-21 Models Folder Information
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 8:18:51 AM

Courtney THANK YOU for organizing this, and thank you to all who can help us to provide this resource to our colleagues in the field.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Kelli

From: Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Grace [ME <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Paula [ME <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@mpa.cc>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Jill Adams <JAdams@madsec.org>; smogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; Matthew Haney <mhaney@mdirss.org>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Subject: Maine School Year 20-21 Models Folder Information

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Greetings,

Kelli and I have worked out a plan for creating a single source for sharing district plans for the return to school:

1. MCLA will create and host a Google Folder called "Maine School Year 20-21 Models"
 - A. Folder Organization
 1. Subfolders for proposed plans, draft plans, and published plans
 2. Plans organized by Superintendent Regions
 3. A "start here" document with explanation of the intent of the sharing
 - B. Folder Permissions
 1. All access will be "view only" (other than folder managers)
 2. Advanced options will be activated to prevent access changes and limit sharing capabilities
2. Each Ed Org who wishes to participate in the shared folder must identify one person to be the folder manager. The folder manager has the following responsibilities:
 - A. Being named as an editor on the shared folder
 - B. Obtaining permission for district plans to be shared in the folder
 - C. Adding district plans to the appropriate folders
 - D. Monitoring the folder and updating/removing documents as needed
3. Sharing Process
 - A. An email explaining the shared folder will be shared with all folder managers

- B. Individual orgs invite members to voluntarily contribute
 - if a district is uncomfortable about sharing, they do not have to
- C. Individual orgs share access to the folder with members

Please email me directly to let me know who your folder manager will be! Kelli and I are already on as folder managers.

Courtney Belolan
She/Her/Hers
Executive Director



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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: Mou
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:47:36 PM

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Sorry not to get back to you sooner about this. Between a Board meeting Friday evening and most of Saturday, I truly needed a bit of a break.

I did look this over—and it looks like it covers a lot of what some—at least a few that we’ve seen—superintendents put out as what the district would be doing—where that hasn’t been happening, locals are trying to work out agreements so that there is a clarity-

I’m not sure of the context of this—whether it was something used to initiate a conversation in the local or at what stage a conversation about all of this might be...

I’m glad to talk about this more and hear the concerns and try to address them.

Meanwhile, I hope you have taken at least a bit of a break, too.

Grace

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: Mou

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Thanks for having a look at it. I hope you have a wonderful Sunday morning!

Pender Makin

Pronouns: she,her,hers

Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
To: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [steve bailey](#)
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Eking](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Megan Welter](#); [Matthew Haney](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [smogul](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Jill Adams](#)
Subject: RE: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:28:28 PM
Attachments: [PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx](#)

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Hi Kelli,

I agree with Steve's comments below, especially related to the survey questions. Also, very much appreciate the effort to address previous concerns raised.

I also added a couple of comments to the attached document for consideration, if there is still time. I am particularly concerned not only about fragile students, but staff that are at high risk. Really anyone who is at high risk may not be able to participate in this activity. Of course, some of these health and safety issues must be negotiated (beyond a CPT potentially) and we would always emphasize that locals and school districts should work collaboratively to address these matters.

Thank you,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:02 PM
To: [steve bailey](#) <sbailey@msmaweb.com>
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#) <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; [Makin, Pender](#) <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#) <pvoelker@maineea.org>; [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#) <gleavitt@maineea.org>; [Eking](#) <Eking@msmaweb.com>; [Vicki Wallack](#) <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; [Holly Couturier](#) <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; [Megan Welter](#) <welterme@spsdme.org>; [Matthew Haney](#) <mhaney@mdirss.org>; [Courtney Belolan](#) <courtney@mainecla.org>; [smogul](#) <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; [Cheryl Mercier](#) <cmercier@rsu18.org>; [Jill Adams](#) <JAdams@MADSEC.org>
Subject: RE: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx

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THANK YOU!

I think the survey is the CDC checklist, maybe I can call it a checklist of symptoms... will play with this.

From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:59 AM

To: Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>

Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Paula Voelker <pvoelker@maineea.org>; gleavitt@maineea.org; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Matthew Haney <mhaney@mdirss.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; smogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>

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Hi Kelli – I know I am getting in just under the wire here, but a question and a suggestion. The question is on the third bullet from the bottom on Page 2 – what is meant by a “quick survey to ensure the child and parent are healthy.” Do you mean a paper survey, a thermometer check, or just an eye-ball survey?

And on page 3, second bullet above “other considerations” , after the comma in the sentence that begins with “Screening of medically ...” would the word “be” after the and flow better. Such as “improve, and be in consultation with their...”

Two cents to offer a little more clarity. Otherwise – should be very helpful.

Steve

From: Deveau, Kelli [<mailto:Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 8:41 AM

Cc: Chuhta, Daniel; Makin, Pender; Paula Voelker; gleavitt@maineea.org; Eileen King; Steve Bailey; Vicki Wallack; Holly Couturier; Megan Welter; Matthew Haney; Courtney Belolan; smogul; Cheryl Mercier; Jill Adams

Subject: RE: PK K Screening Guidance FINAL DRAFT 5-29-20.docx

Good morning all,

While we did not meet Sunday, I did want to circle back and make certain folks are all set with this guidance being shared today with the field. If there are any concerns, please reach out to me BY NOON, so I can send this afternoon?

Also, if there are any pressing topics for tonight’s meeting, please let me know!

Hope all are well during this increasingly trying time.

Kelli

From: Deveau, Kelli

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:01 PM

To: Frazier, Erin <Erin.Frazier@maine.gov>; Larsen, Leeann <Leeann.Larsen@maine.gov>; Madore, Nicole <Nicole.Madore@maine.gov>; Poland, Emily <Emily.Poland@maine.gov>

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Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:59:00 PM

Sorry just seeing this! I hope you had a great afternoon/evening with no meetings!

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Looks good, Kelli.....will be hopeful we can share this next week.

Thanks for the update,

Lee Anne

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Hi Dan,

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Good morning,

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See you all later.

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Subject: RE: PK/K Screening Draft Guidance - Feedback Requested

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You could incorporate the idea that folks are wearing masks into virtual tours. Show individuals without mask and with masks.

Erin

Erin Frazier
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I agree that this is a solid document. Another suggestion might be to have assessment teams send out introduction videos of the people without masks, and a developmentally appropriate explanation of the process.

Courtney Belolan

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Executive Director



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On Wed, May 20, 2020 at 10:34 AM Becky Fles <bfles@msad11.org> wrote:

Great insights. I like both Steve's suggestion and Holly's idea around virtual tours. Creative and engaging in a tenuous period for parents of new learners.

Looks good,

Becky

On Wed, May 20, 2020 at 9:08 AM Frazier, Erin <Erin.Frazier@maine.gov> wrote:

I think this can be done. We will add this to the agenda for our Program Director's meeting on Thursday.

Thanks Cheryl!

Erin Frazier

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The recommendations look good.

Some considerations:

We typically screen 200+ preK/K students. I think districts might just need to train more individuals to do the screenings based on the one person to do the full evaluation. Typically, a special educator does concepts, occupational therapist/physical therapist does motor and a speech pathologist does the language portion.

Might it be possible for CDS to share with districts any students who were in the childfind process? Over the past few years, they have not shared any evaluations on students who were in process and not completed. As school districts, we can talk to one another without a release. It seems like it would be in the best interest of students. I am sure with the closure there are many open referrals.

Cheryl

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 2:52 PM Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov> wrote:

Hi all, in response to a number of questions we're receiving from SAUs related to screening, we'd like to ask for your feedback on this document. Please let us know by Thurs if you have any thoughts/feedback/questions.

Thanks in advance,
~Dan

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Daniel A. Chuhta

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: RE: Polling of Parents
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:41:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

This is great data, John! Thanks for sharing!

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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: RE: Polling of Parents
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 1:40:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thanks for sharing this John!

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To: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Town Academies
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:07:40 AM

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Excellent. Thank you for this thorough response. Just what I needed.

I have one other question – we are hearing of updated guidance on school transportation. But I don't see anything on the website. Am I missing it?

Thank you,
JK

From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
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Best,

John Kosinski

Maine Education Association

Mobile: 207.458.1312

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Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:09:59 AM

Check CDC updated language in framework, was updated yesterday-

<https://mainedoenews.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/School-Guidance-8-12-20-Final-8-am.pdf>

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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: Question re Waiving of Days
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:44:04 PM

Hi John,

Re: waiver of days – the language in [LD 2167](#) (which became law in March) allowed the Commissioner to waive the minimum number of days last school year. The language in that law (bottom of page 2, top of page 3) is still in place, and would be effective until 1/15.

We haven't dug into PEPG yet...

~Dan

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Hi Commissioner Makin, Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Kelli –

Quick question for you. We have been hearing rumors in the field about the potential waiver of student days and I received the email below this morning. Can you shed any light on where we are with the potential of waiving days?

A superintendent last night told me that the Commissioner told them that student days will be waived (as in spring) at least until Jan 15th and then after that the DOE will prorate student days for the remainder of the year. Has anyone else heard this?

Another question that is popping up is regarding teacher evaluation -- Is waiving the teacher evaluation requirements for a year possible and under what timeframe?

Thank you so much. Its amazing what schools and educators and students are doing right now.

Best,
JK

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Beausang, Bethany](#)
Cc: [Turowski, MaryAnne](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Nichols, Page](#)
Subject: RE: Questions Re SOP, Return to Work for Close Contacts
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:56:27 AM

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Commissioner –

Thank you for the response. Please let us know what we can do to be helpful and I certainly appreciate you taking the time to respond.

I had a wrong email address for Bethany Beausang on the original email – I corrected it here I hope.

Best,
Jk

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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A couple of these questions can be answered easily and I do appreciate your noting of any inconsistent language or confusing language. We will prioritize a revision today regarding your last point.

As for question number one, The six requirements for health and safety prohibit anyone with any symptoms from coming to school. Whether close contacts or not, anybody who exhibits the symptoms on the bulleted list should contact the school with that information and stay home. Similarly, anyone with a positive test should not come to school and should follow the CDC requirements for ensuring that they return only when it is advisable to do so. Regarding the question of whether schools can call staff members into action, who are close contacts, but who are asymptomatic and have negative tests... that's far this remains a possibility, but we are revisiting this piece. Regarding the label of "essential workers": in several context this has been very helpful to educators and school staff. Examples include the use of the essential workers designation in determining that all staff should continue to be paid whether or not they worked throughout the spring; also, there are conversations happening right now around whether schools could access CRF funding to set up daycare specifically for the children of "essential workers" ... also, I believe the designation as essential workers properly honors educators as the heroes that they are and the critical necessity of public education in holding the fabric of our entire society together ... The one place where it creates a problematic issue is in the SOP section on who may return to work under

quarantine. Please stay tuned on this - we are working on it and should have revisions completed soon.

Pender Makin

Pronouns: she,her,hers

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Hi Commissioner and Beth –

I hope you are both well. I just had a conversation with Maryanne and wanted to ask your help in answering questions about the CDC Standard Operating Procedures for PK-12 Public Schools. I listened to Dr Shah respond to a question about this today during the 2pm briefing, but I remain confused about a few elements of the SOP and was hoping you could help shed some light. I also heard Dr Shah call the document a draft and that revisions could be coming.

Obviously the language in the SOP labeling school employees as essential employees has caused some concern. We would hope no district would ever require a school employee to return if they are a close contact of a positive case, but we know it will inevitably happen somewhere.

However, the current language is unclear on two fronts:

1. Can school employees be required to work even if they are symptomatic? What if they have a positive test?

Unless I am missing it, the SOP is silent on this question. Here is the relevant section and it describes school employees as essential and then addresses situations where they are a close contact – I don't see any evidence that they can not or should not work if they have tested positive or if they have symptoms:

From the SOP: "School staff (teachers, nurses, bus drivers, etc.), however, are considered essential workers. For school staff who are close contacts of confirmed cases in a school, the school staff may return to work while in quarantine so long as (1) there are no substitute school staff members available, (2) the school staff members take appropriate infection control precautions, including the use of PPE, and (3) the staff remain in quarantine outside of work."

I hope the answers to these questions is obvious but the SOP currently appears silent.

2. Is there no testing requirement for close contacts required to return to work?

At the top of page 5 under "Outbreak Response," there is language about testing for close contacts and non-close contacts, and from a typo it appears an original version of this read that "students, teachers and staff" cannot return to school with a negative test. Now the sentence only refers to students and the next sentence states "Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines in Section F." However, the next sentence says that all

non-close contacts, including “students, teachers and staff” with a negative test can return to work. It doesn’t make sense to say close contacts can return to work but non-close contacts need a negative test to return, or am I missing something?:

Here is the relevant section of the SOP (top of page 5):

Close contacts: Students, with a negative COVID 19 test cannot return to school. They must complete the 14-day quarantine. Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines outlined in Section F.

Non-close contacts - Students, teachers and staff with a negative COVID 19 test can return to school after cleaning is completed

I hate to split hairs but the SOP is a critical document for schools and we are already getting anxious questions about the provision that would allow educators to return to school even if they are a close contact. After reviewing further, we found what may be more inconsistencies and would appreciate any help you can provide.

Best,

John Kosinski

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Subject: RE: Reminder -- Wed webinar
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:02:00 PM

See you then! I'm most available nearest to the beginning of the event...

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Commissioner –

We have not had a chance to speak about this recently but I wanted to remind you the MEA has scheduled a webinar with members to discussion Fall reopening of schools.

We have scheduled this for 7pm this Wednesday (June 17th).

I am working on an agend and will have that for you tomorrow. Currently, we have nearly 900 educators registered to attend. We have a limit of 1000 with our zoom account, but we will record this and share with members that are unable to attend or if we meet our 1000 participant threshold.

You will be getting a specific link from MEA Webconference. This is a panelist link and is different from other links. Lee Pullen, our IT director at MEA, can help you if you have any questions.

I will suggest Lee send the panelist link to you and Kelli unless you tell me otherwise.

Thanks for all you do and we are looking forward to this event on Wednesday at 7pm.

Best,
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Commissioner! Great to hear from you and we are THRILLED you will join us. I have cc'ed Lee, the MEA IT Director, and he can make sure you have a link.

Please ring me if you have any issues or concerns. We will be gathering tonight at 645pm on the Zoom link for a quick rundown.

Thanks for all you do,
JK

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I'll echo that – nice job everyone! So glad that we can do this collaboratively. If nothing else I hope it's reassuring to educators that it takes us all working together to be our best for the kids!

~Dan

+++++

Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

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Subject: RE: SAD #30 needs clarification
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:12:00 PM

I assume the team has debunked this one? We have put it in our FAQs that there's no research supporting the use of dividers as a replacement for masks or for required distance

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Good morning—another one I hope you can help with!

I got this (below) this morning from a member in SAD #30—We have clarified it with the members who have attempted to address it, but admin and board need to be corrected on their misunderstanding (as well as on the lack of safety with plexiglass on desks...)

“Tonight I heard Mr. Braun say, and the Board accept, that the students can have their masks off when 3' apart because of the plexiglass on the tables. This includes when eating. Masks off at 3' with plexiglass is acceptable even though the plexiglass only comes to the edge of the tables, and not out past where the students are sitting in their chairs which means their faces are 3' apart without any barriers. Is this really OK? Is this really what DOE/CDC intend?”

Thank you for helping to address this one, too!

Grace

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Erin, Commissioner, Team DOE:
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And thank you Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and Kelli for making the time and helping to execute these webinars.

I think they are hugely helpful to educators in the field.

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I totally agree with repetition. I will do that.

Agenda looks great.

Erin

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Is it ok if I just share my screen John? I want to go to several different locations.

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Yay Erin! It was our pleasure, as always...

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Erin, Commissioner, Team DOE:
That was excellent. Thank you!

Thank you especially to Erin. You had to be "on your feet" the full hour. Your presentation was excellent. You were certainly engaging. We had 375 join us at the peak and about 325 stayed until the end. The questions were good, rich – and you did a great job of answering them.

And thank you Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and Kelli for making the time and helping to execute these webinars.

I think they are hugely helpful to educators in the field.

Thank you,
Jk

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John,

I'm sorry I have been out of touch. I had a family emergency that took up much of my day yesterday. I will only have a couple of visuals, and I will send them to you by 4pm. I would think my presentation will be 7-8 minutes.

I totally agree with repetition. I will do that.

Agenda looks great.

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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: RE: Summer PD
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:09:47 AM

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Commissioner and Kelli –

I am sorry – I forgot to attach the message last night. Here is the basic message below.

We will be encouraging our members to advocate for remote PD over the course of the summer, and to avoid any gatherings at schools to the bare minimum necessary. We would hope to be aligned with you on this issue. We are seeing some school districts, particularly in The County, and this is causing concern from teachers. In some cases, we have teachers in high risk categories expressing concern about on-site PD over the summer, especially in cases where they are bringing in all staff together.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on this. We may send this out in the next day or so.

Thanks,
JK

Although we have entered Stage 2 and some restrictions have been loosened, Executive Order 55 “[An Order To Further Implement the Restarting Plan](#)” released on May 29 makes clear “until further notice, all businesses and operations shall to the extent practicable continue to have their employees work remotely consistent with Executive order 19 §II(B).” This means for school employees, there should be virtually no change.

As a reminder the [DOE issued guidance on April 2](#) defining the essential functions that can be done in-person:

Although school employees are essential, their physical presence at school is not always necessary during this emergency, as there are many tasks and trainings that could be completed remotely. In light of the Governor’s “Stay Healthy At Home” order at this critical juncture to flatten the curve, physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distancing and other CDC recommendations (including hand washing protocols) are being implemented. The fewest numbers of employees possible should be on premises, and only during the necessary time frame required for conducting such services. All functions that do not require in-person staff in schools should be done remotely.

Additionally, Executive Order 55 requires all operations that do have in-person staff working to comply with the pertinent [COVID-19 Prevention Checklist or other State of Maine Guidance](#).

From: Kosinski, John [ME]

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:47 PM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>

Subject: Summer PD

Hi Commissioner and Kelli,

I had a chat with the Commissioner tonight and we discussed a growing concern where teachers are being told they need to report to their buildings for prof development. This is causing new questions among teachers regarding essential work during this time.

We were planning to send a message to members as you see below. We wanted to see if you had any concerns. Some teachers are concerned about groups being too large. Others may have other health issues which cause them concern about returning.

Our hope is most districts would utilize virtual meetings for prof dev unless they absolutely need to meet in person. Hope you agree.

We are not in a huge hurry to send this out so I totally understand if you need more time. But wanted to give you the chance to review this in case you have any concerns.

Thanks for your time!

Best

Jk

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: Thank you!
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:02:00 PM

Thanks Grace. We are always grateful for the chance to connect with educators (even virtually)...

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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Thank you all for yet another webinar and helping to address the ongoing concerns of educators. These are some incredibly long days for you all, I know. Your hard work is so very appreciated!

Take care—see you in the morning!

Grace

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From: [Holly Couturier](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Eileen King](#)
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Subject: RE: Thank you!
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 11:52:51 AM

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Perfect! Thank you for letting us know.

Have a great day!

Holly



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Cc: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Eileen and Holly,

Just want you to know all is well with the teacher in MSAD 75—she is back in quarantine, the principal apologized for the misunderstanding, and the teacher feels for the administrators who have been figuring all of this out—

Thank you for your help!

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Subject: RE: Time sensitive: MEPRI observations on reopening plans
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 4:21:16 PM

Dear Amy,

As you might imagine, all of us at DOE are eagerly reading every piece of research we can get our hands on to support schools in developing safe models for providing in-person instruction. We would be grateful if you'd consider sending whatever MEPRI research or evidence from field studies or clinical trials that you've been able to find in support of "small stable cohorts" as a viable and effective approach for schools.

After learning that the Checklist Team was considering making this a requirement, I asked our school nursing specialist to research the model. Below are her take-aways...

Of course we want to do everything we can to ensure that schools only open up when it is safe to do so, and we want to provide schools with as much information as possible to guide the best decisions around all of this. That said, there are thousands of

From the [US CDC website](#):

Key considerations for administrators: Approaches to cohorting that fit the needs of your school/district and community.

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After learning that the Checklist Team was considering making this a requirement, I asked our school nursing specialist to research the model. (Below are her take-aways) Of course we want to do everything we can to ensure that schools only open up when it is safe to do so, and we want to provide schools with as much information as possible to guide the best decisions around all of this. That said, there are hundreds of ideas and strategies and models being touted as the safest, many of which lack any evidence base. The worst case would be to instill a false sense of security in relying on a model that may not actually provide significant benefit. (An example would be – early on we all thought we'd need thousands of thermometers to check temperatures at the entrance to schools ... more recently, we've heard that that practice is fine for adult settings but not helpful with students, as they rarely present with fever when they're positive for COVID – so the normal temps created a false sense of security in other countries who used this approach).

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Cc: [Frazier, Erin](#)
Subject: RE: Topics for Additional DOE Web Mtgs
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:58:28 AM

Hi Erin and John!

John thank you for setting this up and Erin thank you for agreeing to do this for our Maine educators. I will let you two chat with one another about format and topics to decide which team members will be most helpful.

As mentioned, we will work to have Pender/Dan or both at the top of the event just give some gratitude for all the work being done.

Kelli

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
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Dear Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli –

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The MEA is very interested in continuing this partnership with the DOE, if you are willing and able.

Attached and below are three additional video townhalls that we would like to work with DOE if you and the staff are willing and able. We feel the topic of special education continues to pop up and any guidance we can give to educators would be warmly welcomed.

If staff from the DOE were willing and able to work with us on this, we would love to see if we might be able to schedule one or two of these for next week.

Thanks for all you do and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,

JK

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Proposal for Additional Townhalls with the Maine Department of Education

Background: The MEA and MDOE video townhall on April 2nd was a smashing success. At the high point, nearly 650 educators were watching, and nearly 600 stayed for the entire hour. We answered

many of the questions from the field, and we are working to provide guidance for other questions that came through the Q and A section.

The feedback from MEA members and participants was overwhelmingly positive and we hope, in conjunction with the Dept of Ed, to offer more opportunities for MEA members and educators to get questions answered and to hear guidance as to the impact the current closure has on specific issues related to public schools.

Below are three immediate video town halls we would propose to happen over the next 2- 3 weeks if possible.

We recommend a similar format for each that looks like the following:

- I. Introductions: Grace Leavitt, MEA President, will serve as moderator and will introduce the guest and explain the format (2-3 minutes)
- II. Opening from Panelist: The DOE panelist talks about key topics in the field and best guidance from DOE on the subject (7-9 minutes)
- III. Prepared Questions: Grace asks 2-3 questions from the field that we have prepared in advance from participants and poses the question to the panelist (2-3 minutes for each question)
- IV. Questions from Q and A: MEA staff curate questions that come in during the videoconference and either respond (if we know the answer) or pose the question to the panelist. In some cases, questions asked by multiple attendees will be flagged for a live response.
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- VI. Closing: At 7:55pm, Grace will thank the panelist and close the meeting with additional information about how/when to access the recording and share this information with other educators in the field.

Topic #1: Special Education and the COVID 19 Pandemic: What Educators and Parents Need to Know

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Erin Frazier, Director of Special Services

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: This hour-long town hall will attempt to answer questions in the field regarding the application of special education services during this time.

Possible questions may include:

- How should educators best address changes to a standing IEP for a student?
- How much flexibility can we expect the DOE and the US Dept of Education to grant in terms of the services for students with special education needs?
- If we are unable to provide a service called for in an IEP, how and when should schools begin to adjust those services?
- Many parents of special needs students are under increasing stress at home as well, what efforts are being made to help those parents whether this crisis?
- If a student is unable to meet the requirements called for in their IEP, what types of flexibility can we expect to make sure our students can move onto the next grade?

Topic #2: Remote Learning and Digital Divides: How Are Schools Coping with Remote Instruction

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Page Nichols, Chief Innovation Officer, Dept of Education

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: This hour-long town hall will attempt to highlight how districts are implementing remote learning. In addition to hearing from Page about the Dept's efforts to address the digital

divide, perhaps we can have a presenter or two from schools that have positive remote learning experiences. Sharing best practices seems important at this juncture, especially as more educators and parents and students grapple with this transition.

Possible questions may include:

- Does the state have an assessment of how many students do not have access to the internet for school purposes? How many students do not have a reliable device to use for school purposes, and how many do not have a workable broadband connection?
- What is the state doing to help expand broadband to more families with students and to get workable devices to those that need them?
- Clearly remote learning will only exacerbate inequity among students. What is the Department doing to address the inherent inequity of remote learning?
- Educators have struggled with how to grade student work that is done remotely. Does the Dept have any guidance or best practices for analyzing student work done remotely?
- We all know there are students missing from the instructional activities we are trying to provide to students. How do we work together to address the needs of these students?
- What are some best practices for remote learning? What districts are doing this well and what are they finding is working for educators, parents and students?

Topic #3: Trauma for Educators During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Bear Shea

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: The COVID 19 pandemic has been a traumatic for many families, and disruptive for all families. We hope this video town hall will help provide resources to educators in how to address the traumatic effects of this crisis with students, parents and their peers,

Possible questions may include:

- What should we be doing to try and allay concerns from students?
- We are getting a lot of questions from parents about the rest of this school year and how students can complete the year. Is there a trauma informed approach you can recommend we consider using when talking with parents and students?
- What are some “best practices” for trauma informed education during this time?

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Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:44:58 AM

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Ok – this is wonderful.

I spoke with my team and we are elated to do this call with you, the Commissioner and the whole team.

We were planning the video conference to take place from 7pm-8pm on Wednesday, April 1st.

Giovanna, cc'ed on this email can be in touch with Kelli directly about set up, agenda, etc. We use Microsoft Teams for these types of video conferences. If you are not familiar, Giovanna and our "IT guy," Lee Pullen, also cc'ed here can help.

Just so we are totally clear, I show the following individuals will be participating from the DOE:
(Kelli, can you please confirm spelling and title?)

Pender Makin, Commissioner of Education
Dan Chuhta, Deputy Commissioner of Education
Kelli Deveaux, Communications Director
Paige Nichols, Chief Innovation Officer
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Chelsey Fortin-Trimble, Director of Policy and Government Affairs

Here is the message Giovanna is preparing to send to members to announce the town hall:

Important: MEA hosts tele-town hall with the Commissioner of Education and other education leaders

On Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm, MEA invites you to join MEA President Grace Leavitt as she welcomes Maine Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin and DOE staff to share the latest information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our students, educators and our school communities. MEA has put together this live event to provide our members access to those who can directly answer some of the questions you may have as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. This tele-town hall will give members the opportunity to hear directly from the Commissioner and ask questions to our panel of experts. Please join us this Wednesday at 7pm for this live event.

JOIN EVENT HERE

Kelli and Team DOE – please let me know if you have any questions. I suspect we will start working on agenda for this over the weekend or Monday.

It may be a good idea if we have a call with you Kelli, and others that can join, perhaps on Tuesday afternoon, to run through the run of show, the format, agenda, how Teams works, etc. Let me know if there is a good time for that and we can schedule that and who from Team DOE should be part.

Thank you so much for agreeing to do this. We are elated to have this opportunity for our members, and we are super excited to work with you on this. The Dept has been a great partner during this time and we so appreciate it.

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P.S. I will send a calendar invite to all those involved in the town hall on Wed night just to reserve the time on people's calendars.

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Hi John,

We would love the opportunity to hear questions and concerns and to offer the most updated guidance and resources as we work together through this trying time.

It would be great if we could have Dan, Page, Erin Frazier, Chelsey and me alongside Pender for this call, as we have all been trying to manage various parts of the work, and each of us can be at the ready to field whatever is most important and helpful to your members. Would that work? I am not trying to flood the dance card, but just know based on the topics listed and the ones we are fielding that this would be the best team to be most helpful.

Do let me know and provide link information, etc. and thank you all for your continued partnership during this truly unprecedented experience. We are all earning the t-shirt for participating in this race!!

Be well everyone and have a good weekend,

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We are planning regular video conferences with MEA members all over the state to answer questions and hear from educators how things are going in their district. Our videoconference on Wednesday included over 250 participants.

We are hoping to start notifying members of another video conference on Wednesday and we would love if you were willing and able to take part. We can make sure the structure of the conversation is useful to you and our members.

I imagine the video conference is lead by you and Grace. I suspect there will be questions our members will have, that we can work together to answer. It would also be good to hear you talk about remote learning, special ed, and other topics that may arise. In addition, your calm, reassuring voice will hopefully allay some fears among educators.

We were tentatively planning to do this on Wed April 1st at 7pm for an hour, but Tuesday of Thursday may also work.

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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: Video conference with MEA members
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:16:21 PM

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Kelli

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:52 PM
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Jk

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Subject: RE: Video conference with MEA members
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:45:45 AM

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Commissioner and Kelli –

Quick question for you. Can we move our video conference with the Dept from Wednesday at 7pm to Thursday at 7pm?

We are looking at upgrading our video conference equipment and may need an extra day to make sure we can get this set up and advertise to our members.

Will Thursday at 7pm work?

We are very excited about this and we want to make sure educators from all over the state can participate and the technology meets the needs of the number of attendees we would expect for this type of video conference.

Thanks and let me know if this time change will work for you.

Best,
JK

From: Kosinski, John [ME]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Bechard, Giovanna [ME] <gbechard@maineea.org>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <lpullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: Video conference with MEA members

Ok – this is wonderful.

I spoke with my team and we are elated to do this call with you, the Commissioner and the whole team.

We were planning the video conference to take place from 7pm-8pm on Wednesday, April 1st.

Giovanna, cc'ed on this email can be in touch with Kelli directly about set up, agenda, etc. We use Microsoft Teams for these types of video conferences. If you are not familiar, Giovanna and our "IT guy," Lee Pullen, also cc'ed here can help.

Just so we are totally clear, I show the following individuals will be participating from the DOE: (Kelli, can you please confirm spelling and title?)

Pender Makin, Commissioner of Education

Dan Chuhta, Deputy Commissioner of Education
Kelli Deveau, Communications Director
Paige Nichols, Chief Innovation Officer
Erin Frazier, Director of Special Services
Chelsey Fortin-Trimble, Director of Policy and Government Affairs

Here is the message Giovanna is preparing to send to members to announce the town hall:

Important: MEA hosts tele-town hall with the Commissioner of Education and other education leaders

On Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm, MEA invites you to join MEA President Grace Leavitt as she welcomes Maine Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin and DOE staff to share the latest information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our students, educators and our school communities. MEA has put together this live event to provide our members access to those who can directly answer some of the questions you may have as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. This tele-town hall will give members the opportunity to hear directly from the Commissioner and ask questions to our panel of experts. Please join us this Wednesday at 7pm for this live event.

JOIN EVENT HERE

Kelli and Team DOE – please let me know if you have any questions. I suspect we will start working on agenda for this over the weekend or Monday.

It may be a good idea if we have a call with you Kelli, and others that can join, perhaps on Tuesday afternoon, to run through the run of show, the format, agenda, how Teams works, etc. Let me know if there is a good time for that and we can schedule that and who from Team DOE should be part.

Thank you so much for agreeing to do this. We are elated to have this opportunity for our members, and we are super excited to work with you on this. The Dept has been a great partner during this time and we so appreciate it.

Best
JK
Mobile: 207.458.1312

P.S. I will send a calendar invite to all those involved in the town hall on Wed night just to reserve the time on people's calendars.

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Jk

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: Webinar, checking in
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:42:30 AM

Hi John,

I think Pender is prepared to do a webinar on Wednesday. We want to be especially clear upfront that she will not be weighing in on local plans, so as this is shared with members it may be helpful to be explicit on topic(s) and focus for the discussion. You have always done a great job in filtering the questions to be more universal, so trust in your capacities, but don't want to frustrate members if she isn't fielding the "my school is..." Questions. Feel free to call me if you would like to connect in person to talk through?

Kelli

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From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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Best,

John Kosinski

Maine Education Association

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Excellent. I will get working on this right away and will send you materials for review. I just connected with Kelli too – I think we are all set. I will get working on my end to get the message out, zoom set up, etc.

I intend to focus on the agenda description – just a draft:

MEA is pleased to host Education Commissioner Pender Makin for a Webinar on Wednesday August 19th at 7pm. Now since many districts have engaged in their planning process and developed a plan for the Fall, we would all welcome feedback on the Department of Education's Draft Framework for Return to In-Person Instruction, found here: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework> The Draft Framework will continue to evolve and develop, and the Commissioner and the staff at the Department of Education are interested in your feedback and perspective.

In addition, the MEA, the Commissioner and the Maine Department of Education all recognize the coming months will be challenging for educators, students and our public school communities. The Department of Education would welcome thoughts from educators about the best types of supports and professional development they can help provide to students, educators and public schools during this time.

Best,
JK

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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: Re: Webinar, checking in

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Yes! It was on my calendar again for Wednesday night...

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:31:48 AM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>

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Cc: [Herman, Mary](#); [Holmes, Jaci](#)
Subject: RE: Well done!
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:05:00 PM

Thanks Karen – and thanks team!!!! *and I am so sorry I was late!

From: Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:03 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Nichols, Page <Page.Nichols@maine.gov>; Grace Leavitt <gleavitt@maineeaa.org>; Lucas, Roberta <Roberta.Lucas@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>
Cc: Herman, Mary <Mary.Herman@maine.gov>; Holmes, Jaci <Jaci.Holmes@maine.gov>
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Subject: RE: Well done!
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:19:46 PM

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You were all awesome—I can't thank you enough! I am getting lots of e-mails already thanking us.

I hope you all have a quiet evening now—

Stay well,

Grace

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Nichols, Page <Page.Nichols@maine.gov>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Lucas, Roberta <Roberta.Lucas@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>
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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [steve bailey](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#)
Subject: RE: Zooming not Teaming
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:02:00 PM

Same here – I just was solo on the Teams meeting!

From: Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@mpa.cc>; Jill Adams <JAdams@madsec.org>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>
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I do not seem to have a Zoom link. Can someone send it to me, please?

Thanks,
Megan

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 4:08 PM Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com> wrote:

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 3:49 PM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, "Chuhta, Daniel" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, "Deveaux, Kelli" <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>, Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>, Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>, Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>, 'Courtney Belolan' <courtney@mainecla.org>, Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>
Subject: Zooming not Teaming

Sorry for the switch—I was able to set up a Zoom meeting in lieu of a Teams meeting—you should have received an invitation a minute ago for Zoom—please use that link.

Thank you!

Grace

Grace Leavitt

President, Maine Education Association
35 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-4418



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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:49:52 PM

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Hi Kelli,

Thank you for sharing this guidance and the opportunity to provide input. At this point, we would prefer to not be listed. While many concerns we have were addressed, some remain. In particular, we know of places where staff have been required to attend graduation in the past and might likely be now despite the circumstances. If language were included around staff being offered the opportunity to volunteer to assist that would be helpful. We also continue to support all of our previous unified guidance that addresses the end of the school year and assessing the essential nature of work that needs to be done immediately.

If there were additional time to work on this, we would definitely make time to do so whenever was possible for others. If not, we understand that school districts want guidance to help them address and inform decisions around graduation ceremonies.

Thank you,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
Maine Education Association
35 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-5866

From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Embargoed COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies
Importance: High

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Eileen and Paula, just need okay that your org is listed as a help in this.

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:49 PM
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COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies and Related Activities

Sent to Superintendents ONLY: EMBARGOED UNTIL 1:00 pm May 6, 2020.

Updated: May 5, 2020,

Understanding the milestone that high school graduation represents in the lives of our students and families, Maine DOE has assembled a group to explore and make recommendations on ways in which we can honor the Class of 2020 while taking into consideration public health concerns, social distancing recommendations, and government-issued restrictions on social gatherings.

Decisions around whether to host graduation ceremonies will remain at the discretion of local school boards and superintendents and must be conducted in accordance with Governor Mills' "Stay Safer at Home Orders." As we remain in a state of civil emergency, planners of important events are urged to consider the fact that regulations and recommendations are subject to change, due to the dynamic nature of this situation.

The following guidelines must be taken into consideration when planning events:

- June-August, 2020, social gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 people. (In May, the limit is no more than 10 people).
- Physical (social) distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Cloth face coverings must be used in all public settings. (Exceptions: Cloth face coverings are not required for children under age 2, a child in a child care setting, or for anyone who has trouble breathing or related medical conditions, or who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance).

- A 14-Day Quarantine is required for all individuals entering or returning to Maine prior to going out in public.
- Some municipalities have additional requirements and guidelines that must be followed.

In-Person Ceremonies:

Beginning in June, when group sizes of up to 50 will be permitted, there are some options available for very small graduating classes (or for larger classes, broken into smaller groups through multiple ceremonies) while maintaining social distancing. The following guidelines should be followed to ensure a safe event:

- Limit the number of participants, staff, and guests to fewer than 50 people, in total.
- Seat graduates 6 feet apart in all directions.
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- Require use of cloth face masks.
- Develop accommodations, with increased distancing and precautions, for those with underlying health issues.
- Mark the standing locations of graduates waiting in line and during processional at 6 foot intervals.
- Ensure additional staff support to monitor and maintain acceptable distance.
- Utilize one-way direction of movements and use separate entrances and exits if possible.
- Consider how diplomas will be collected when a student's name is called. Staff may consider placing the diploma on a table for the student to collect. Students may walk across the stage, collect the diploma from the table, and pose for a picture individually or appropriately distanced from a school/district official.
- Communicate expectations and guidelines in advance to ensure understanding and compliance.
- Develop plans for use of restrooms and access to soap and water for hand washing with marked waiting spaces at 6 foot intervals to avoid crowding at bathroom stalls or sinks. Arrange for a custodian to monitor and replenish soap/paper towels.
- Provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas.
- Contact your local law enforcement to help with planning and crowd control.
- Consider designating a single person to take an official photo/video of each graduate receiving their diploma and prohibit others from approaching the area to take their own pictures or video.

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- Maine drive-in movie theaters have been granted permission to open, as long as they meet a set of criteria and follow certain guidelines. Schools may contract with a drive-

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 - Measure out parking spots that are spaced a minimum of 6’ apart.
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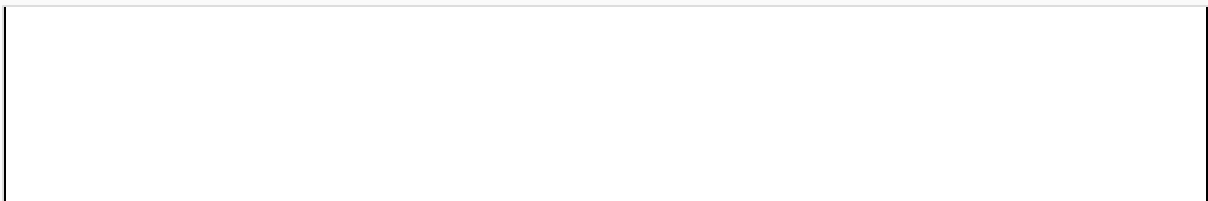
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Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:56:00 AM

Thanks Eileen! We have heard that the Western Maine Supt.'s group is meeting today and that they have many questions, concerns, etc... Would it be helpful if I join in on that? While we've been hearing positive things from most regions, our regional rep from that group said they're pretty unhappy and feel no guidance or leadership from Augusta. Would love to find out how we can better support that group...?

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Thanks Pender-- Hope all of you are taking care of yourselves and each other..... from a distance!!!!

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Thank you very much.
Steve

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Hi Steve and all...

The minimum days waiver will be universal and nonspecific. We are simply waiving the required minimum number of days. Individual waivers need not be submitted.

Continuity of Education plans should be approved by local school boards. We asked folks to send us the minutes to show that the schools and communities are on the same page with what is being offered ... but we are not asking for this in advance, due to the disruption and difficulty in getting meetings together. When feasible, we ask that districts send us the meeting minutes to show that a plan was agreed-upon. We are not approving individual plans and we do not need these to be submitted to us (unless someone has an amazing one they want to share with others and we could post that)...

From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>

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Hi Kelli –

Thanks for the updated message. Can you let me (so I can help others with this question) what the requirement from districts is for their Continuity of Learning Plan – that may have been covered on the Webinar a week or more ago – I have had a few questions on this one.

Also, related to the waiver on the minimum number of school days noted in this most recent message, does that request for a waiver have to be submitted by the superintendent / school board as part of their continuity of learning plan?

Thanks – not sure I have been looped in on all of these, or had a chance to read all the guidance and priority reports in fine detail.

Steve

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Be well!
Kelli

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We so appreciate all the work being done to help students during these challenging times. We know our public schools are wonderful places filled with amazing, hard-working and dedicated staff. Please be sure to take care of each other during this crisis.



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Cc: [Jill Adams](#); [Eileen King](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Paula Voelker](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: RE: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Video Message From Commissioner Makin Regarding Pandemic: March 22, 2020
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:28:45 PM

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Well done, Pender! Well done!

Steve

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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>; Paula Voelker <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Grace Leavitt <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>
Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Video Message From Commissioner Makin Regarding Pandemic: March 22, 2020

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From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 9:13 PM
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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Expanded Authority of Reserve Funds
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:45:34 PM

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Two thumbs up!!

From: Deveaux, Kelli [mailto:Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Paula Voelker <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Cheryl Mercier <cmercier@rsu18.org>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>
Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Expanded Authority of Reserve Funds

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Be well everyone!!

Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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Subject: RE: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:18:23 PM

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Thank you, Kelli! I'll forward it to our communications director to help get the message out to MEA members, too—likely tomorrow.

Grace

From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:13 PM
To: [steve.bailey](#) <[sbailey@msmaweb.com](#)>; [Eking](#) <[Eking@msmaweb.com](#)>; [Courtney Belolan](#) <[courtney@mainecla.org](#)>; [Holly Couturier](#) <[hcouturier@MPA.cc](#)>; [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#) <[gleavitt@maineea.org](#)>; [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#) <[pvoelker@maineea.org](#)>; [Makin, Pender](#) <[Pender.Makin@maine.gov](#)>; [Chuhta, Daniel](#) <[Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov](#)>; [Vicki Wallack](#) <[VWallack@msmaweb.com](#)>; [Megan Welter](#) <[welterme@spsdme.org](#)>; [mhaney@mdirss.org](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#) <[cmercier@rsu18.org](#)>; [Jill Adams](#) <[JAdams@MADSEC.org](#)>; [Shelly Mogul](#) <[smogul@auburnschl.edu](#)>
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Good afternoon all,
I wanted to make sure you all have this; I am going to send tonight to superintendents, and tomorrow to a broader audience. Let me know if you would like to coordinate a time (if you plan to share out as well) and we can set one.
Thank you all for your great work on this, and I apologize for the delay. Just wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to review prior to hitting send!
Be well,
Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <[communications.doe@maine.gov](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <[Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov](#)>
Subject: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning

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Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning

As many School Administrative Units (SAUs) and schools move into a new phase of implementation of emergency distance learning, focusing on long term practices, many are now wading through conversations around the assessment and evaluation of learning. Some SAUs have already come to decisions around how student learning will be evaluated, if at all, and those plans vary widely, from feedback only to maintaining regular grading practices. We, the Department of Education, Maine School Board Association, Maine School Superintendents Association, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities, Maine Education Association, Maine Principals Association, and Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, have a deep conviction that any learning evaluation policies or practices must come from a stance of equity and compassion.

We strongly recommend that SAUs take time to thoughtfully design grading policies and practices that do no harm. Operating from a stance of equity and compassion means beginning with those most marginalized in mind when making decisions. Even during times of regular school instruction, each and every district in the state of Maine had learners dealing with homelessness, food instability, poverty, substance use disorders, and domestic violence, among other stressful and traumatic life situations. Now we see those situations intensifying, and new situations emerging in families that were once stable.

Any evaluation of learning must take into account the reality that many of our learners are in these circumstances. Learning in any of the circumstances noted above is almost impossible, and no student should face a failing grade, or other evaluative suffering, as a result. We encourage SAUs and regions to discuss and determine a system that holds harmless students for whom conditions are outside of their control and as best as possible prevents any further learning inequities.

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: [Test]:COVID-19 Update
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:06:00 PM

Thanks – I'd concur with most everything there and feel the tone is better... I believe my guidance/updates are posted now on our website ... If not, then soon...
Hope you and the family are staying safe!

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [Test]:COVID-19 Update

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Another communication to our members. Fyi.

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From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Noyes, Erin [ME] <enoyes@maineea.org>
Subject: [Test]:COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Daily Update 3/17/2020

Going forward, MEA will provide frequent updates regarding the changing situation surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on our students and schools. Please understand, this situation is changing rapidly and MEA is doing its best to provide the most up-to-date information as possible, understanding that information and guidance could change daily. The items below are issues the MEA is working toward, as the Association continues to speak with state and local officials.

Reporting to Work and Sick Time

An item in yesterday's update around sick leave caused some confusion. To clarify, MEA recommends for Local Associations to connect with the school district and get agreement that individuals won't have to use their own sick time, if you need to be out of work to care for a family member or if you are in a high-risk category. That's the goal. If agreement cannot be reached on that attempt, try to gain or increase access to a sick leave bank that is replenished by the district, based on need, so people will not run out of paid time. *Until individuals hear otherwise from their Association, they should use sick time for these absences using normal school district reporting requirements and not access unemployment or go unpaid.*

Someone at My Work Location Tested Positive

In the event that someone at your work location tests positive or presumptive positive for COVID-19, MEA recommends you follow all of the proper social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC, keeping yourself at least 6 feet from another person and never gathering in a group of 10 people or more. If you are in a high-risk category, please see the sick time guidance above.

Additional Recommendations MEA is Advocating For During This Time

1. MEA recommends that all public employees and higher education faculty and staff continue to be paid their regular salary and benefits during the crisis. *(In progress-MEA expects an update from the Commissioner on this item shortly.)*
2. MEA recommends that all teachers and education support professionals NOT be required to enter any school buildings while they remain closed to students. MEA recommends that all staff be allowed the flexibility to work remotely. If it is necessary for some staff to be in school buildings, it should be on a very limited basis, with provisions for strictly following the most recent CDC guidelines and with the utmost regard for keeping all involved safe.
3. MEA recommends that all custodial staff receive and use proper safety gear while cleaning.
4. MEA recommends that all mandatory standardized testing be suspended for the remainder of the school year. *(In progress-The Commissioner will be applying for a federal waiver, per this recommendation)*
5. MEA recommends that all professional development requirements be suspended for the remainder of the school year.
6. MEA recommends that all teacher certifications scheduled to expire in 2020 be extended until 2021.

7. MEA recommends that all higher education faculty evaluations be suspended for the remainder of the spring semester.
8. MEA recommends that all local presidents and employer representatives maintain regular communication during the crisis to keep lines of communication open. *(In Progress)*
9. MEA will speak with the Commissioner of Education to recommend that any educator(s) working with students covered under an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan be held harmless for any provisions of IEP/504 plans that cannot be met as a result of the ongoing school closure and for any period of remote learning.
10. MEA recommends all local associations engage with employers on the impact of school closure, specifically on health and safety, who is expected to work, help and resources for remote instruction, delivering of food and instructional materials.
11. MEA recommends that for those who are currently enrolled in a pre-service program at a public university in Maine that any student teaching time should be completed this year, or if that is not possible, that time should be waived.

MEA would like to thank our members, local leaders, and administrators who are setting reasonable expectations and working hard to keep our students and staff safe during this difficult time.

If you have questions, please reach out. MEA is here to support you during this time.

Contact us! <https://maineea.org/coronavirus/>

Stay Safe,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:24:23 PM

Looks great!

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: FW: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin

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FYI – I think the message below is going out momentarily to all prek-12 members.
We will send a follow up message on Wed with one last push.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
JK

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Berry, Shawn [ME] <sberry@maineea.org>; Program Council [ME] <ProgramCouncil@mea.maineea.org>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin

Thank you—I think it's all set to go!

From: Berry, Shawn [ME] <sberry@maineea.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Program Council [ME] <ProgramCouncil@mea.maineea.org>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: FW: [Test]:MEA WEBINAR - A Conversation With Education Commissioner Pender Makin

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Dear MEA Members:

REGISTER: [MEA WEBINAR: A CONVERSATION WITH EDUCATION COMMISSIONER PENDER MAKIN](#)

MEA is pleased to host Education Commissioner Pender Makin for a webinar with members on Wednesday August 19th at 7pm. The Commissioner will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the Department of Education's plans to support schools during this unprecedented time.

Specifically, the Commissioner would welcome feedback on the Department of Education's Draft Framework for Return to In-Person Instruction, found [here](#). The Draft Framework will continue to evolve and develop, and the Commissioner and the staff at the Department of Education are interested in your feedback and perspective, especially from educators involved in their local planning work.

In addition, the MEA, the Commissioner and the Maine Department of Education all recognize the coming months will be challenging for educators, students and our public school communities. The Department of Education and the MEA would welcome thoughts from educators about the best types of supports and professional development they can help provide to students, educators and public schools during this time.

Once you register, you can submit questions in advance.

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You must pre-register for this webinar on Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm.

Best,

Grace Leavitt

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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#)
Subject: RE: additional topic
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:30:04 AM

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Great topic, I am starting to get questions on special education. Jill



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Executive Director

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Cc: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>
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Thank you!

Grace

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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#)
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Thank you Grace for putting this on the table for discussion. I think a joint discussion will help us provide the same message.

Eileen

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#)
Subject: RE: another refusal re: maskst
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 1:19:00 PM

Hopefully someone can let him know that face coverings are required statewide by all in public settings where physical distancing may be difficult, per executive order (not subject to local control/school board).

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 11:55 AM
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Thank you,
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From: [Steve Bailey](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Eileen King](#)
Subject: RE: another refusal re: maskst
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:56:36 AM

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Hi Grace,

As this is a former board I worked with (and I bet I know the board member), I'd be glad to talk more about this with you. I know you and Eileen chatted about this for a while yesterday. I know today is a busy day for you, and if you find time you want to chat let me know.

Steve

From: Makin, Pender [mailto:Pender.Makin@maine.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 1:19 PM
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From: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: any update on timeline for testing and for mask fitting?
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:33:09 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Staff has asked what the timeline is for what was talked about at our meeting last Thursday. I'm not finding anything on the DOE website/newsroom/dispatches—sorry if I'm missing it.

Thanks for any info.

Grace

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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:41:16 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineaa.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: any update on timeline for testing and for mask fitting?

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Staff has asked what the timeline is for what was talked about at our meeting last Thursday. I'm not finding anything on the DOE website/newsroom/dispatches—sorry if I'm missing it.

Thanks for any info.

Grace

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Subject: RE: conversation with Dr. Pontius
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 4:17:54 PM

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Cc: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>
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Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:29:13 AM

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Steve,

Thanks so much, this was wonderful. I feel this way at some point every day right now. Have a great week every one. Jill



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Subject: RE: good explanation.....
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:39:00 AM

This is totally me right now. Until it isn't. And then I'll have guidance ... or not.

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Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 5:20:00 PM

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Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:28:06 AM

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Thanks, Dan. I think the issue is getting word out to parents/students and even staff—we are all so steeped in this it may seem like others are aware, but I know there are likely lots of gaps in communications to parents and am even discovering a few in communication to staff as questions are coming to me.

I will work on helping to spread the specifics re: what is a suitable face covering and what is not...

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From: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maine.org>
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Grace - if it's helpful in the meantime - EO #49

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You'll see that gators (with lack of ties) don't fit the definition.

~Dan

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Date: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:30:41 PM

Oh Grace this is really good and could be so helpful to people! We will work to get this revised for ME and out to the field. I have some videos and graphics to send along to SAUs also about the required safety measures, so we will package this all up together!

Best,
Kelli

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Thank you.

Steve

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To: Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Steve Bailey; Jill Adams; Makin, Pender; Chuhta, Daniel; Eileen King; Holly Couturier; Courtney Belolan
Subject: RE: help with face coverings and students

I am working on this now.

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I think coming from DOE/all of us is preferable...

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I would agree Grace... last I read I thought Kelli was going to try to create a Maine version – or is MEA doing this? Would be great if this could be another collaborative effort.

Steve

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: just a thought for you . . .
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:37:15 AM

I think this is good – and perhaps include the DOE COVID page that has many resources for administrators, educators, and school staff ... an example is the “continuity of learning” link: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/continuityoflearning>

Also, the content specialists have virtual “office hours”

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
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SAMPLE DRAFT

A Statement from Leaders of Maine’s Public Schools

The Maine Department of Education, the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, the Maine Education Association, the Maine School Boards Association, and the Maine School Superintendents Association are all dedicated to ongoing collaboration and cooperation as we navigate the plethora of concerns generated by the COVID 19 outbreak in Maine for students, educators, and our communities.

More than anything, we are all committed to doing the best we can for our students right now. We appreciate all of the efforts happening in schools and communities all around the state to help deliver meals to students. In many districts, teachers and administrators have gone above and beyond to quickly design remote learning opportunities for students and families. We are overwhelmed by the good work we are seeing during this crisis.

We all agree that our collective efforts are needed right now. We need administrators, educators, school board members, parents and community leaders working together to do the best we can for kids right now.

[We know there are many concerns in the field and even more questions. Educators in the field and others should continue to communicate with their state organization for the most up to date information. We are committed to sharing information among the state organizations and we intend to mirror best practices by working together to find the best solutions we can.

For example, we all agree that it is in the best interest of educators and communities to continue to pay hourly staff during this time. Hourly staff play critical roles in our schools and failing to pay them will only result in further economic harm in our communities.

We will continue to work together on a state level to cooperate and collaborate and to problem solve, and we encourage leaders in our local public schools to do the same.

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: meeting this Thursday
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:00:38 AM

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Great—thank you!

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Hi Grace,
I agree that those are extremely important topics, and we will start the meeting working on those.
See you on Thursday!

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineaa.org>
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Good morning, Commissioner,

I believe we are scheduled to meet this Thursday.

If so, I'm hoping we could take some time on the agenda to discuss two things, or at least to make a plan for how to begin to address these topics:

1. There are some districts where the unified guidance that we all spent so much time on is

being supplanted by guidance from Drummond and Woodsum (and this D & W guidance in several regards does not align with the unified guidance); this is causing some real issues in those districts.

2. We want to work together on areas where there are problems (other than, or in addition to, issues with 1370)—how can we best begin to do so, and work together to promote improved school climate and culture? Finding ways we can all address this benefits everyone—especially students.

Thank you for considering this.

Grace

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To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: presentation of survey findings?
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:25:00 AM

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Best,
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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: quarantined employee going into school
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:15:00 PM

Oh no ... I see that Eileen is working on this, but please never hesitate to call my cell if there's a time sensitive situation. I end up triaging emails in the evening these days and only open the really important ones (you're on the list!)

But never during middle of day do I have a minute to check....

Do you have any update?

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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Thank you Eileen.



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Eileen got right on it and sent this (below) as the follow-up, so all is well. Seems to have all been cleared up, but of course, revisiting that language in the SOP will help.

Thank you!

Grace

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The teacher met with the nurse, did not see any students and has been sent home.”

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: quarantined employee going into school

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Oh no ... I see that Eileen is working on this, but please never hesitate to call my cell if there's a time sensitive situation. I end up triaging emails in the evening these days and only open the really important ones (you're on the list!)

But never during middle of day do I have a minute to check....

Do you have any update?

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Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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Good morning,

I was told this morning that an employee in SAD 75 is supposed to be quarantined until Sept. 14th due to having been in close contact with a person who has tested positive, but the employee's principal said she was 'cleared' to come in today (when students are also in) and that he would like for her to come in today, which she has done as she did not want to be insubordinate.

Not sure who might best reach out to SAD 75. This is exactly the concern we have raised due to the most recent 'exception' made for essential workers who would otherwise be quarantining for fourteen days—it just makes no sense that the person goes into work until the fourteen days are up.

Additionally, it seems that the 'handbook' that Drummond Woodsum has shared with districts (I haven't seen it) says someone should quarantine for ten days rather than what the CDC says (fourteen). Could this be corrected if that is the case?

Thank you,
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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Eking](#)
Cc: [steve bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: question re: April break
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:31:16 PM

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So more info on this—it is not that the decision is being made that quickly—not sure when the Superintendent and/or school board might decide—but rather that teachers were being asked to weigh in on the idea.

I'm still wondering if this might be something that the Superintendent/School Board might take some time before deciding and I'm wondering what other districts are contemplating. Could we talk on Wed.?

Thanks!

Grace

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To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Cc: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: question re: April break

Eileen,

Just got word that Massabesic (RSU 57) is deciding by tomorrow whether to teach and work during what was to be April break—though allowing a four day weekend in there—in order to end the school year earlier than they might otherwise. (The Association has notified members that they are taking a vote on it today/tomorrow.)

Is there a way to encourage from your end that they hold off on such a decision for a bit? Just seems to be too early to look at this, given that things keep changing.

I will try to do the same on our end...

Hang in there,
Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eking](#)
Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: re-opening concerns
Date: Friday, July 17, 2020 9:54:00 AM

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: school athletics
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:45:00 PM

Yes – let's discuss at our meeting. Thanks Grace!

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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I'm forwarding what I just sent to MPA—maybe include this at the next DOE et al meeting?

Grace

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Michael Burnham <MBurnham@MPA.cc>; mbisson@mpa.cc
Subject: school athletics

Good afternoon,

As schools are adopting their 'reopening plans', we are hearing from more and more educators about the concerns for safety measures being implemented and enforced, and some have raised questions about school sports, especially what staff are seeing on playing fields. I've read the guidance that MPA has out and the concern is how well the guidance is being followed, but also how that guidance may impact the safety requirements for any in-person plans for schools and make them more difficult to enforce. Added to that is the news now about the increase in COVID-19 in younger people and the long-term effects of the virus, especially potential damage to the heart. Will the MPA guidance for sports be reviewed soon and possibly modified to reflect some of this? I'm hoping that this could be a topic at a meeting with DOE/MSMA/MCLA/MADSEC also, but I'm also glad to talk with you first, too.

Thank you for your thoughts on this,
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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Eileen King](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
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Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:11:34 PM

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I wasn't aware that the teacher had been tested and that it was negative. So, I think we are all set in this case.

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Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9:48 AM

To: "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, "daniel.chuhta@maine.gov" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>

Subject: teacher in Lewiston

Hello, all,

I was just told that a teacher in Lewiston was in close contact to a student who was positive—the class is quarantined, but the teacher, since they are ‘essential’, is in school.

Hoping this can be addressed quickly, as happened a few weeks ago in SAD 75 (and the teacher was sent home once the super was contacted).

Thanks,
Grace

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Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: RE: the framework
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:32:40 AM

Hi Grace,

Thanks for this – I think I understand what you're asking here... But most (all?) Associations include teachers, nurses, facilities, transportation, and food services staff, all of whom are recommended participants in the Collaborative Planning Team. Is the request for the Association as a whole entity to be included as a recommended participant (as in all of the membership – or just a representative member of the Association?) We can discuss this evening...

We continue to be very grateful for MEA's participation in our state-level planning, collaborative problem solving, and in developing unified guidance.

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We certainly appreciate that MEA has been included in these meetings as well as the other group meetings to discuss issues, possible solutions, share information, and develop unified guidance when possible. We truly want to see things go well and avoid conflicts.

That being said, without the Association being listed as a necessary part of the Core Planning Team we risk potential problems as these plans are developed and implemented.

Many of the issues in the framework will necessitate bargaining as they affect working conditions; where the issues are ed policy, locals will need to meet and consult and bargain any impact. Having Association reps on the CPTs can help those negotiations to go smoothly.

We are hearing that at least in some districts, the Association is being included, fortunately, but we anticipate in others that there will be problems. Making it clear to all in the guidance framework that the Association needs to be involved in developing the plans would help.

I hope I'm stating the concern clearly—I see that the last item on the agenda is a discussion of the "commitment to collaboration" and we are committed, but we need to be clear that collaboration on these recommendations or any future topics does not waive the need for our members to collectively bargain or to meet and consult.

We would be glad to talk sometime this afternoon before the meeting if you like; otherwise, see you all this afternoon.

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Eileen

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Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
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Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:42:00 PM

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Thank you, Jill.

Guess we just keep hoping/asking for some possibility of flexibility regarding the documentation, etc., but for now, we'll just keep hoping our special ed folks can hang in there.

'See' you later today.

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Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:11:58 AM

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Just let us know—thanks!

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To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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Subject: Re: will there be a conference call today?

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I have heard that Eileen will be unavailable this evening Dallas, so perhaps we can try for this tomorrow? I definitely hope we can all get together either in person or by phone soon.

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:07:45 AM
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I am available at any point needed—and am not pushing for a call—I am sure you could use a break!-but a joint statement from DOE/MEA/MSMA/MPA/MADSEC/MCLA would be a good thing if possible.

Just let us know when you can, or if you need me to do something.
And meanwhile, I hope you are doing OK and hanging in there!

Grace

Grace Leavitt
President, Maine Education Association

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender; Eking](#)
Subject: RSU 23 concern
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:51:40 PM

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Good afternoon, Commissioner and Eileen,

I wanted to relay a concern I have with a response our local leaders got from their Superintendent, John Suttie—the quote below is actually from the district’s lawyer, Tom Trenholm, at Drummond and Woodsum, and was forwarded by the Superintendent to the local leaders. The local leaders have questioned the Superintendent’s calling all of the custodians in (starting today, I believe) to work. Initially we were told that it was to start the ‘usual summer work’ so local leaders were questioning how essential this was at this time.

While I’m certainly concerned about an employee being required to come in to do work that may not be essential just now, my even greater concern is with how the unified guidance that we are all working hard to collaborate on seems to be so readily dismissed, at least by the attorney here.

We can talk more during Sunday’s meeting—it does seem that each time something more comes out from the Governor’s office that we might remind or reaffirm what guidance is still in place.

Glad to talk about it more, and will call if you wish.

Here is the message from the D&W attorney:

“As noted in the Governor’s relevant order (15), all school employees are essential, and hourly employees are expected to continue to work (including performing maintenance and cleanup) or they are being paid to ensure they are available to work (“to meet changing needs so that schools can promptly provide the widest range of services”). **The DOE has also issued guidance (twice), but that guidance does not have the force of law and it does not supersede your CBAs – the most recent guidance says it is a “point of discussion and consideration.”** So long as you are asking the employee to do work related to closing out this year or preparing for next year, I think the work is also essential. Also, if you are following guidance for mitigating health and safety risks presented by the virus, then you are fulfilling your obligations regarding health and safety (See Article 11).”

Thank you both for ‘listening’!

Grace

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I don't know how many of you might be familiar with the International Baccalaureate program (Greely is an "IB school") but I just found this guide that they just published—there may be some useful things her for a framework/guidelines: <https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/news-assets/coronavirus/online-learning-continuity-planning-en.pdf>

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We also have an item to add to the agenda:

- what is the impact of our current situation on the adoption of the revised ELA and Math standards?

Also, I am happy to give an update on the MPBN partnership project.

Courtney Belolan
She/Her/Hers
Executive Director



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On Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 11:36 AM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Good morning as well,

Also for our afternoon discussion are two other items of concern if we could address these:

1. Status of probationary teachers, and timelines that cannot be kept to complete evaluations – can they / should they be “given” another year?...especially year three probationary teachers moving to continuing contract... or can this be an option?
2. School budget approval, if having to wait until after the “gathering limitation” is lifted, can mean significant hardship for districts who are in the process of obligating funds for new construction, etc., with payments that are due July 1, 2020.

Thank you.

Steve

From: Voelker, Paula [ME] [mailto:pvoelker@maineea.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 11:12 AM

To: Chuhta, Daniel; Steve Bailey; Deveaux, Kelli; Makin, Pender; Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Holly Couturier; Eileen King; Jill Adams; Cheryl Mercier; Courtney Belolan; Shelly Mogul; Vicki Wallack; Kosinski, John [ME]

Subject: RE: 22 Mar - COVID-19 Sunday Update

Good Morning,

I hope you are all well and coping as best as possible with our current situation.

On our call at 5pm, we/MEA are hoping to talk about the attached document we developed to articulate a bit more the situation for school employees around what constitutes essential work that must be done in school buildings, pay concerns and safety for staff still working in the schools. We are deeply concerned about all school staff especially those on the frontlines and the increased anxieties that are developing as further steps are being taken to limit travel and personal contact across the state and by cities. It is truly an issue that has been coming up daily since day one and only intensifies with each new order or proclamation.

We are hoping that our groups together can find common ground on how staff should be treated and provided for, as we all try to contribute positively to the overall containment of the virus and yet also provide for children. The attached document is our draft of where we think we need to be. If you can, please kindly review so that we can talk about it at 5pm.

Thank you,

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta –

FYI – I was not sure if I was invited to the Returning to School Task Force, but I see I was included in a group in an email you sent yesterday. I am excited to participate but I will need a link to join. Can

you help me with that?
Thank you and have a great day.
Best,
JK

From: Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: FW: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force

Hi John,

Please see below. You are included in the small groups, but I did not see your name within the emails.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: 5/27 Returning To School Task Force

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Good evening, we are looking forward to our meeting tomorrow. Below are the agenda and Zoom instructions for the meeting. You may wish to familiarize yourself with both the CDC guidance, as well as the framework (links embedded below) before the meeting! Thanks in advance, ~Dan

AGENDA

Welcome: 10 min

Small Group work: 60ish minutes (groups randomly created based on last meeting's attendance... others will be added in!)

Group 1 (Parts I and IV):

- Steve Bailey, Karen Kusiak, Tammy Ranger, Paula Voelker, Jill Adams, Jessica Nixon, Janette Kirk, Mike Bisson, Rich Meserve, Gail Senese,

Group 2 (Parts II and III):

- Matt Haney, Grace Leavitt, Rob Susi, Joanne Allen, Beth Lambert, Eileen King, Dwight Littlefield, Tyler Backus, Pam Ford-Taylor, Shelly Lane, Roy Fowler,

Group 3 (Parts II and III):

- Stephanie Fyfe, Shelly Mogul, Mike Burnham, Emily Poland, Cheryl Mercier, John Kosinski, Jaci Holmes, Lee Anne Larsen, Walter Beesley, Erin Frazier, Angel Loreda

Group 4 (Parts I and IV):

- Courtney Belolan, Vicki Wallack, Holly Couturier, Page Nichols, Roberta Lucas, Megan Welter, Jonathan Shapiro, Janet Rivard, Charlotte Ellis, Mary Adley, Michael McQuarrie

Groups 1 and 4 with Part IV will need to brainstorm ideas rather than review!

Round 1: 30 minutes

1. Select a recorder and reporter
2. Focus on the first Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
 1. Use the [CDC Guidance](#) as a lens to review and discuss the first assigned Part
 2. Review the comments submitted on the first assigned Part, and discuss

Round 2: 30 minutes

1. Focus on the second Part of the [framework](#) that your group has been assigned
 1. Use the [CDC Guidance](#) as a lens to review and discuss the second assigned Part

2. Review the comments submitted on the second assigned Part, and discuss

Whole Group work: 40 minutes

1. Part by Part report out and discussion

Conclusion and Next steps: 10 minutes

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

Deputy Commissioner

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

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Topic: Planning Team Mtg. for Resuming Classroom-Based Instruction

Time: Apr 29, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 839 4587 4035

Password: oAejuG

From: [Becky Fles](#)
To: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [steve bailey](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eking](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [smogul](#); [Matthew Haney](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Megan Welter](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [smhbangor@aol.com](#); [super@aos96.org](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Beausang, Bethany](#); [Nixon, Jessica](#)
Subject: Re: 6/17 Ed. Orgs. Wed Mtg
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:49:21 PM

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I'll be there.

On Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 3:18 PM Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org> wrote:

Hi Dan,

Could we please also add the following topics:

- Considerations around clear face coverings – there may be some instances where students need to be able to read lips, etc. I know the DOE is working on procurement of face masks so wanted to raise this.
- Also on the topic of face masks, there are some conflicting messages out there from state government on face masks for staff and students – BMV (attached) protocols for drivers ed and then the [“Public and Community Buildings”](#) checklist and [“Public Library”](#) checklist; also DOE summer school guidance requires students to wear face masks on the bus and talk about wearing face masks per the CDC guidelines in a couple of spots. The DOE reopening guidance seems to de-emphasize the face masks for students.

Thank you,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director

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From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:55 PM
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Subject: RE: 6/17 Ed. Orgs. Wed Mtg

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Thanks Dan – I'll be late as I have a 4:30 meeting I need to attend. Eileen will be present for the first part.

Steve

From: Chuhta, Daniel [<mailto:Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Makin, Pender; Steve Bailey; Deveau, Kelli; 'Leavitt, Grace [ME]'; 'Voelker, Paula [ME]'; 'Holly Couturier'; Eileen King; 'Jill Adams'; 'Cheryl Mercier'; 'Courtney Belolan'; smogul; Matthew Haney; Vicki Wallack; Megan Welter; Fortin, Chelsey A; smhbangor@aol.com; bfles@msad11.org; super@aos96.org; jkosinski@maineea.org; Beausang, Bethany; Nixon, Jessica
Subject: 6/17 Ed. Orgs. Wed Mtg

Hi all, here's our current list of agenda items for 5PM:

1. Update on (summer) athletic guidance from MPA?
2. Guidance on transportation?
3. Guidance on exchange students?

4. Other questions:
5. Scheduling of these meetings going forward...

Talk with you in a bit!

~Dan

(Zoom below if you need it!)

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Daniel A. Chuhta

(he, him, his)

Deputy Commissioner

Maine Department of Education

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Topic: Ed Orgs Wed Mtg.

Time: Jun 17, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every 2 weeks on Wed, until Jun 17, 2020, 1 occurrence(s)

Jun 17, 2020 05:00 PM

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From: [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Re: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:43:48 PM

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Done.

-lee

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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:42:52 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT

Excellent – see you at 645pm.

Lee will send you and Deputy Commissioner Chuhta the panelist link. It may come from MEA Webconference.

Thank you,
JK

From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT

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No worries, I had notified Dan and I know he plans to attend. I will also be lurking in the back, as long as that's okay.

“see” you all at 6:45ish!

From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Cc: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>

Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>

Subject: FW: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT

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Hi Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Kelli –

I realize I may have been negligent in alerting Deputy Commissioner Chuhta to the webinar we are hosting with Commissioner Makin tonight. Would love to have you both join us if you are able – but no worries if you are unable. We expect about 200 educators to join us tonight and the agenda is attached.

Just let us know if you want to join and we can be sure to get you a link.

Best,

Jk

From: Kosinski, John [ME]

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:30 PM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>

Cc: grace leavitt <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>; Pullen, Lee [ME] <lpullen@maineea.org>

Subject: 8.19.20 MEA Webinar Commissioner DRAFT

Hi Commissioner –

Quick update on the webinar tomorrow night . . .

We sent the invite last night. So far we have about 250 registrations, but we intend to send another reminder tomorrow. I predict about 300 attendees on the line.

I know there are other meetings happening tomorrow night – including another protest in Auburn around the reopening plan there.

Attached is a DRAFT agenda for our webinar tomorrow night. It has Grace opening up and then giving you a few minutes to share what you would like to share. As I mentioned earlier, we have a growing anxiety and frustration as we get closer to back to school in a lot of communities. We will be sure to steer away from any questions that may place you in a position to judge a local plan.

I have included in the agenda and pasted below some sample questions. These questions have come up from members and we expect will come up again tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Question – will Kelli be joining us tomorrow night? Do you want anyone else from the Dept to join? So far I believe only you and me and Grace have panelist links but we can include others if you like.

And reminder, you should have already received a link for the zoom from MEA Webconference. You will get an email with the link again about an hour before the zoom webinar tomorrow night.

Please join on via the panelist link by 645pm so we can review, adjust microphone and cameras, and make sure we are set for a 7pm start.

Thank you again for all you do and for joining us on this webinar.

Best,
JK

Key Questions for Webinar:

- a. Ventilation: Many educators have expressed concern about the antiquated or faulty ventilation systems in our schools. Scientists and doctors have warned about proper ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID 19. As we know, some classrooms do not even have windows. There is not a lot of guidance in the DRAFT Framework concerning appropriate ventilation systems. And while this may be less of a concern in September, when we can open windows and get fresh air. Replacing or updating ventilation systems can be expensive. What are you and the Dept telling school districts that need to consider when it comes to proper ventilation and air flow in our schools?
- b. Temperature Checks: We know the American Academy of Pediatrics has cautioned against temperature checks before entering a school, but many educators have told us they would feel more comfortable if we had some temperature checks in place. Some are deeply concerned about the ability for parents or students themselves to self-check for symptoms. Are you opposed to school districts starting temperature checks for students and staff before entering school or getting on a bus?
- c. Keeping Bus Drivers Safe: The MEA has had an uptick in concern among bus drivers. Some districts have started to say they can have full bus runs, and spacing students 6 feet apart on the bus is not "feasible." What are you and the Dept advising school departments to do when it comes to transporting students to school while keeping bus drivers and students safe?
- d. Masks Breaks: We are hearing concerns from the field that some schools may allow students to take "mask breaks" but there is no definition of a mask break. Will the Dept provide guidance or feedback to districts about what is a mask break and how it should be conducted?
- e. Enforcement and Compliance: Some educators have written in that they are deeply concerned about any lack of enforcement or compliance with the plans they have adopted. What should educators do if they see students and/or staff continually not following the 6 safety requirements?
- f. 3 feet vs 6 feet: Lots of educators are very concerned about the requirement to maintain 6 feet of distance among adults, but only 3 feet among students. Why was that decision made? Shouldn't we insist on maintaining 6 feet of distance between all people, including students?
- g. Cleaning: In May, there was a lot of talk about the need for more custodians to help keep our schools clean. Now, many plans have the teachers cleaning their own classrooms between classes. What are you seeing around the state and do you have a recommendation for teachers who are now forced to conduct the cleaning of their classrooms and workspaces, among the many other facets of their jobs?
- h. Childcare for Educators: This issue continues to be a struggle for educators across the state. Many educators have children and their children may attend school in a different district where they work. Yet some schools are requiring teachers to be in their classroom even when providing remote instruction. What are you seeing in districts to address the childcare crisis for educators and what should districts do to alleviate this concern of educators who are also parents?

From: [Frazier, Erin](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Re: Again, many many thanks!
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:31:42 PM

I'm so glad to be a part of our team and I'm very glad it was helpful.

Erin

Erin Frazier
(she/her/hers)
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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:11:44 PM
To: Frazier, Erin <Erin.Frazier@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: Again, many many thanks!

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I think this was our best tele townhall yet! So much information and really great messages—common sense over compliance, ourselves/our safety/our students, etc.

I appreciate you all taking time again at the end of such busy days to do this—

And Erin, your presentation and answers were so incredibly helpful—thank you so very much!

I hope you all do get some time this weekend to have a break—

Grace

Grace Leavitt
President, Maine Education Association

From: [Shelly Mogul](#)
To: [Jill Adams](#)
Cc: [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King \(EKing@msmaweb.com\)](#); [Vicki Wallack](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Paula Voelker](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#)
Subject: Re: Articles on restarting
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:30:39 PM

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Thanks for sharing Jill. We are getting ready to begin our planning in Auburn. These will be extremely helpful. I haven't looked through all three yet, but I really like the School Decision Tree on page 8 of North Dakota's plan. I think something like this would be very helpful for schools here in Maine.

On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 10:29 AM Jill Adams <JAdams@madsec.org> wrote:

Hello all,

I am sure many of us are doing the same thing, looking for information on what other states and countries are doing to reopen schools. I found a couple of articles I thought were interesting and thought I would share in case you had not seen them. I am not necessarily in agreement but thought some had some points we may make sure we consider. Jill



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Shelly Mogul
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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Re: Available this morning
Date: Friday, September 18, 2020 7:01:15 AM

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Great. I'll call you at 8. Thank you !

Grace Leavitt

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:58:23 AM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: Available this morning

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Hi Grace, I am available until 9 o'clock this morning and I have a break At noon also. If neither of those times will work for you, I am available from 4 o'clock on this afternoon/evening. I am eager to get a real in-depth sense of what is happening in some of those places of concern and to develop a plan to help.

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: Available this morning
Date: Friday, September 18, 2020 7:10:05 AM

Perfect!

Pender Makin
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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#)
Subject: Re: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland--quick update
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:01:13 PM

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Just sent you an update from my conversation.

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM
To: "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, "jadams@madsec.org" <JAdams@MADSEC.org>, "daniel.chuhta@maine.gov" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Subject: RE: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland--quick update

Just got an update--now I am hearing that they have received shields (but they fog up), and cloth masks and some N95 masks, but it seems that there are still concerns re: the spaces being very small, with other items stored in them—and just no possibility of maintaining distance—people are concerned.

I've suggested that a district administrator be asked to visit the site to see what staff are dealing with—maybe that would help with communication...

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eking <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Subject: RE: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland

Any news on addressing this situation yet?

Grace

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Subject: Re: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland

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Thanks for sharing the concern - Eileen, are you checking in with the admin? We can offer support if

needed. More/better PPE can be ordered through the CRF...

Pender Makin

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Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:00:11 AM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>

Subject: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland

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Good morning,

There are ongoing concerns at the B.E.A.C.H. program—a lack of proper PPE (it's being reported that they were only given limited numbers of 'flimsy masks' that tore quickly, disposable face shields that they have to re-use, social distancing is not being adhered to, no goggles, and for students that won't 'tolerate' face masks or faced shields, they are being place in small rooms with staff unable to maintain proper distance. It sounds like at least some of the rooms have other furniture in them as well, so even harder to have distancing. (Jill, I did share the information you had sent last week—thank you again for that.)

The concerns have been raised multiple times—but I was asked to reach out to you about this as staff continues to be very concerned about safety.

We will ask them to also fill out the DECD reporting form, but with the small number of staff involved, I'm not sure that will raise the issue enough to be addressed even if they all fill it out.

Thanks for any help on this.

Grace Leavitt

President, Maine Education Association

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#)
Subject: Re: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 5:47:25 AM

Thanks for sharing the concern - Eileen, are you checking in with the admin? We can offer support if needed. More/better PPE can be ordered through the CRF...

Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:00:11 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Subject: B.E.A.C.H. program in Portland

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Good morning,

There are ongoing concerns at the B.E.A.C.H. program—a lack of proper PPE (it's being reported that they were only given limited numbers of 'flimsy masks' that tore quickly, disposable face shields that they have to re-use, social distancing is not being adhered to, no goggles, and for students that won't 'tolerate' face masks or faced shields, they are being place in small rooms with staff unable to maintain proper distance. It sounds like at least some of the rooms have other furniture in them as well, so even harder to have distancing. (Jill, I did share the information you had sent last week—thank you again for that.)

The concerns have been raised multiple times—but I was asked to reach out to you about this as staff continues to be very concerned about safety.

We will ask them to also fill out the DECD reporting form, but with the small number of staff involved, I'm not sure that will raise the issue enough to be addressed even if they all fill it out.

Thanks for any help on this.

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To: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: Back to School Blueprint
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:47:16 PM

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Thanks Paula—wow—pretty comprehensive. Thanks for sharing!

From: "Voelker, Paula [ME]" <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 2:43 PM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, "Chuhta, Daniel" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, "Makin, Pender" <pender.makin@maine.gov>, "Deveaux, Kelli" <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>, Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>, Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>, "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: Back to School Blueprint

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Thanks,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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From: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <pender.makin@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
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Subject: Re: Back to School Blueprint
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:01:43 PM

Thank you for sharing! I know that many districts are already working on their own plans and are basing much of that work on existing models like this. Our work this afternoon/evening-and going forward-is to recommend specific considerations that would likely apply across all of the different plans and models.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:47:09 PM
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Subject: Re: CNCLD: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:22:44 PM

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Thanks so much Grace!

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 12:20 PM
To: "daniel.chuhta@maine.gov" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, Steven Bailey <Sbailey@msmaweb.com>, "Deveaux, Kelli" <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>, "Voelker, Paula [ME]" <pvoelker@maineea.org>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, 'Jill Adams' <JAdams@MADSEC.org>, 'Cheryl Mercier' <cmercier@rsu18.org>, 'Courtney Belolan' <courtney@mainecla.org>, Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>, Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>, "Fortin, Chelsey A" <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>, "smhbangor@aol.com" <smhbangor@aol.com>, "bfles@msad11.org" <bfles@msad11.org>, "super@aos96.org" <super@aos96.org>, "Kosinski, John [ME]" <JKosinski@maineea.org>, "Beausang, Bethany" <Bethany.Beausang@maine.gov>, "Nixon, Jessica" <Jessica.Nixon@maine.gov>, "Valliere, Georgette" <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>, smogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>, Matthew Haney <mhaney@mdirss.org>
Subject: RE: CNCLD: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in

Just got this (attached) from the NEA President this morning.

The NEA document I have mentioned should be out today or tomorrow and I'll share that also.

Grace

From: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Eking <EKing@msmaweb.com>; 'Jill Adams' <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; 'Cheryl Mercier' <cmercier@rsu18.org>; 'Courtney Belolan' <courtney@mainecla.org>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Megan Welter <welterme@spsdme.org>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; 'smhbangor@aol.com' <smhbangor@aol.com>; 'bfles@msad11.org' <bfles@msad11.org>; 'super@aos96.org' <super@aos96.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Beausang, Bethany <Bethany.Beausang@maine.gov>; Nixon, Jessica <Jessica.Nixon@maine.gov>; Valliere, Georgette <Georgette.Valliere@maine.gov>; smogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; Matthew Haney <mhaney@mdirss.org>
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Hi all, hope you're enjoying the weekend so far!

We're going to cancel our Sunday meetings for now and just connect on Wednesdays. Not to be confusing, but I think we'll leave the calendar invites on so that if we do have things come up that need to be addressed more urgently, the Zoom info will be ready for us!

Be well,
~Dan

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(he, him, his)
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From: Makin, Pender

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:27:01 AM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; 'Leavitt, Grace [ME]' <gleavitt@maineeaa.org>; 'Voelker, Paula [ME]' <pvoelker@maineeaa.org>; 'Holly Couturier' <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; 'Eking' <Eking@msmaweb.com>; 'Jill Adams' <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; 'Cheryl Mercier' <cmercier@rsu18.org>; 'Courtney Belolan' <courtney@mainecla.org>; 'Shelly Mogul' <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; 'mhaney@mdirss.org' <mhaney@mdirss.org>; Vicki Wallack <VWallack@msmaweb.com>; Megan Welter <welterme@spisdme.org>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; 'smhbangor@aol.com' <smhbangor@aol.com>; 'bfles@msad11.org' <bfles@msad11.org>; 'super@aos96.org' <super@aos96.org>; 'jksinski@maineeaa.org' <jksinski@maineeaa.org>; Beausang, Bethany <Bethany.Beausang@maine.gov>

Subject: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in

When: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Where: Zoom (see below for details) Dan Chuhta is the host

Maine DOE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ed. Orgs. Sunday Check-in **(Dan Chuhta is the host) !!!**

Time: May 17, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Jun 28, 2020, 6 occurrence(s)

May 17, 2020 04:00 PM

May 31, 2020 04:00 PM

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From: [Courtney Belolan](#)
To: [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Cc: [steve bailey](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eking](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); [mhaney@mdirss.org](#)
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Ed Orgs Wed Edition!
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:39:43 PM

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On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 8:30 PM Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov> wrote:

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Topic: Ed Organizations Update (Wed)

Time: Mar 25, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Apr 1, 2020 05:00 PM

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Subject: Re: COVID-19 Ed Orgs Wed Edition!
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:20:01 AM

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I'll leave this to the group to respond, as we're in it to support the needs of the stakeholder group leaders...

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Subject: Re: Canceled: Ed Orgs Sun Check-in
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:27:59 PM

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Thanks, Dan!
Be well, everyone!
-Megan

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 1:54 PM Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov> wrote:

Cancelling this Sunday's meeting (don't want to interrupt your Patriot's Day Eve parties!)

~Dan

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Topic: Ed Organizations Update - 22 Mar

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Subject: Re: Center for Safe Schools : Compilation of guides for planning to re-open schools
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:00:41 AM

Thank you! Every day brings new treasures - I think we should include with our simplified bulleted guidance links to all of these many plans and resources and models.

Pender Makin
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Best, Eileen

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Grace

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And our team just finished the Upper Elementary guide!

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I apologize, I am not going to be able to join this afternoon.

Matt

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Hi – and I, too, can be available.

Steve

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Subject: Draft proposal for Health and Safety Committees

Good evening,

Paula and I have mentioned a couple of times the idea of each district having a “Health and Safety Committee”. I am attaching a draft of what we have been envisioning. Since the large group working on reopening won’t be meeting tomorrow, would this group be open to spending some time in that freed up slot to talk about this idea?

Let me know and I can send out a Teams meeting invitation.

A reporter has reached out to us (and likely to some of you, I imagine) to talk and I plan to be mention our idea of having local committees that would include the various stakeholders to address the needs specific to that local, so I wanted to at least share a draft of our idea with you.

Hope we can talk tomorrow.

Have a good evening,

Grace

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When: Sunday, April 19, 2020 5:00 PM-6:00 PM.
Where: Zoom (see below)

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Topic: Ed Organizations Update - 22 Mar

Time: Mar 22, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:15:38 PM

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Thank you, Dan! Agreed, Jill!

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 2:13 PM Jill Adams <JAdams@madsec.org> wrote:

Everyone take time to enjoy a little time off!!!! Remember you need to take care of yourself and your family. Jill



Jill Adams
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From: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:46 AM

To: Chuhta, Daniel; steve bailey; Deveaux, Kelli; Makin, Pender; Leavitt, Grace [ME]; Voelker, Paula [ME]; Holly Couturier; Eking; Jill Adams; Cheryl Mercier; Courtney Belolan; Shelly Mogul; mhaney@mdirss.org

Cc: Megan Welter; Kosinski, John [ME]

Subject: Ed Orgs Wed Check in

When: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:30 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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Subject: Re: FW: [Test] MEDIA RELEASE: Maine High School Grads Celebrated As Part of National Telecast Tonight
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:42:10 AM

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Amazing! Looking forward to watching tonight. What an amazing team and what inspired leadership! Proud to be an educator in Maine!
THANK YOU!

On Sat, May 16, 2020 at 10:34 AM Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov> wrote:

Please check out this amazing announcement and the unbelievable work our team put into making this happen.

What the media release doesn't say is that this was the brainchild of our very own Commissioner Makin, who got this ball rolling and got all 50 states to sign on.

And with a week turnaround time, many here at the DOE jumped into action, and I cannot even begin to thank them for all they did.

THANK YOU to MPA and MSSA for helping to get the message out!

Penny Henry, Charlotte Ellis and Jess Nixon helped to get every high school in main ON THE MAP, and all 13,800 seniors listed! There were more omissions, additions, prodding, pleading and last minute spreadsheets flying than I dare say, but they DID IT!

Mary Herman, Page Nichols, Rachel Paling and Sean Landry- this group found "speakers" hustled for video and then CREATED the final products, including the AMAZING webpage and the videos- Rachel and Sean are geniuses. Truly all the videos are worth the time to watch, but be sure to check out the one linked in this media release!! Thank you to Dwight Littlefield for helping us to find the amazing young woman who is part of the senior spotlight- she truly represents all that is amazing in our state and our graduates.

Have a beautiful weekend everyone,

Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: [Test] MEDIA RELEASE: Maine High School Grads Celebrated As Part of National Telecast Tonight

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MEDIA RELEASE: Maine High School Grads Celebrated As Part of National Telecast Tonight

Contact Information: Kelli Deveau at kelli.deveaux@maine.gov
May 16, 2020

Commissioner of Education Pender Makin is pleased to partner with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and XQ Institute in support of *Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020*, a one-hour, commercial-free primetime graduation special to be broadcast today, Saturday, May 16. During the broadcast, viewers will be directed to XQ's new [Rethink Together online forum](#), which will feature specific content for each state, including an amazing congratulatory message from some special guests, and a map of Maine that includes all Maine high schools and the names of their anticipated graduates.

"While this graduation season is like no other, the Class of 2020 shares this experience with 13,800 of their classmates across the State of Maine" said Commissioner Makin. "I am happy to be a part of a national celebration that honors the successes, accomplishments, and resilience of our high school seniors."

The national telecast will air on Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m. Eastern/Pacific/7 p.m. Central on more than 30 broadcast and cable networks and streaming services, as well as various social media platforms. Rodney Robinson, the 2019 National Teacher of the Year, joins a list of prominent leaders and entertainers in celebrating the Class of 2020. Led by XQ Institute, The LeBron James Family Foundation, and The Entertainment Industry Foundation, the special is being produced in partnership with a broad coalition of education, philanthropic, and corporate partners. In addition, corporate and philanthropic giving associated with

#GraduateTogether will benefit DonorsChoose and America's Food Fund to help meet student needs in some of our nation's most underserved and under-resourced communities. Maine's webpage can be found [here](#), and be sure to check out the very special message on the page, or [here](#).

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On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 3:51 PM Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov> wrote:

Okay folks, this is the cleaned up, final version. I am going to wait until 4:00, and ask you too also, so if there are ANY concerns we catch them now. At 4:00 sharp we will hit send?

Thank you all again, what an amazing demonstration of leadership and collaboration on behalf of our field.

Be well!
Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
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PRIORITY NOTICE: Unified Guidance Regarding Executive Orders and School Personnel: All School Services and Employees are Essential

As our state and nation face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, it is more critical than ever that Maine schools and school employees work together to provide the deeply needed services of continuity of education, communications, connectivity, payroll, other administrative activities, custodial services, transportation/deliveries, and student nutrition. The Governor has directed SAUs to pay hourly employees for their previously contracted hours throughout the remainder of this school year, and this decision was predicated on the understanding that all school employees would continue to have important roles in limited, alternative, ongoing operations. The Department of Education has also stated that all school employees are essential. The Priority Notice from the Dept of Education on 3/27/20 says: “All school employees are considered to be “essential’ under the Governor’s Executive Order #19 and should be expected to complete all duties and tasks assigned to them.”

On March 31st, Governor Mills instituted Executive Order 28 further restricting public contact and movement, schools, vehicle travel and retail business operations. In addition, cities and towns are also putting new provisions in place, which restrict operations of non-essential businesses, new questions have arisen about the definition and what it means for public-school employees to be essential.

Although school employees are essential, their physical presence at school is not always necessary during this emergency, as there are many tasks and trainings that could be completed remotely. In light of the Governor’s “Stay Healthy At Home” order at this critical juncture to flatten the curve, physical presence in schools should be restricted to a bare minimum in order to provide essential functions – such as providing educational and nutritional services to students, payroll, certain cleaning and maintenance staff, certain administrative assistant staff where communications cannot occur remotely, IT staff to support remote learning functions, transportation staff – and only as long as social distance and other CDC recommendations

(including hand washing protocols) are being implemented. The fewest numbers of employees possible should be on premises, and only during the necessary time frame required for conducting such services. All functions that do not require in-person staff in schools should be done remotely.

It is possible that some hourly staff members will not have enough immediately purposeful work to do (either on site or remotely) to fill the contracted hours for which they are paid. In that case, these employees should be considered to be “on standby”, ready to assist as work does become available for them. Administrators and supervisors should determine when/if certain positions are needed to perform tasks. While on standby, employees will continue to receive hourly wages as contracted prior to the COVID emergency.

Given the Governor’s most recent Executive Order, the Department of Education (DOE), Maine School Board Association/Maine School Superintendents Association (MSBA/MSSA), Maine Principals Association (MPA), Maine Education Association (MEA), Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) and Maine Curriculum Leaders Association (MCLA), would like to clarify the roles and responsibilities of public-school employees during this time.

- Employees who are able and assigned by supervisors to work remotely should continue to do so, and raise any concerns they may have with their local district leadership. Administrators and staff are encouraged to collaborate and problem-solve to foster telework options during this crisis.
- School employees should continue to go to work if they must be there to perform essential functions. CDC guidelines should be strictly followed including social distancing of at least 6 feet from all other people. School employees working onsite should be kept to the bare minimum necessary to execute the functions that require their physical presence.
- Employees whose services are not immediately needed, as determined by supervisors, or whose work cannot be done remotely, should continue to receive their regular wages and should remain ready to perform tasks as they become necessary and assigned by supervisors. Employees on standby leave should be ready to help schools meet their basic needs, and may be assigned to participate in a rotation of duties during this time.
- Any school employees who are sick, in a high risk group, or feel unsafe for any reason, should have access to their own sick leave, the new federal leave program, a district sick leave bank, if applicable, or any other paid leave that a district may be providing.”

We can all take common sense steps to ensure that only staff whose physical

presence is required to provide services and who are engaged in immediately necessary services are in our schools, and that those who are in our schools are being protected by following the most current CDC guidelines for social distancing, cleaning, hand washing, and ventilation.

We so appreciate all the work being done to help students during these challenging times. We know our public schools are wonderful places filled with amazing, hard-working and dedicated staff. Please be sure to take care of each other during this crisis.



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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:10:00 PM

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From: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
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Subject: Re: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning

Looks great! Thank you! I am fine with us sharing tomorrow.

On Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 5:12 PM Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

I wanted to make sure you all have this; I am going to send tonight to superintendents, and tomorrow to a broader audience. Let me know if you would like to coordinate a time (if you plan to share out as well) and we can set one.

Thank you all for your great work on this, and I apologize for the delay. Just wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to review prior to hitting send!

Be well,

Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:32 PM

To: Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>

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Unified Message and Recommendation Regarding Grading Practices During Emergency Distance Learning

As many School Administrative Units (SAUs) and schools move into a new phase of implementation of emergency distance learning, focusing on long term practices, many are now wading through conversations around the assessment and evaluation of learning. Some SAUs have already come to decisions around how student learning will be evaluated, if at all, and those plans vary widely, from feedback only to maintaining regular grading practices. We, the Department of Education, Maine

School Board Association, Maine School Superintendents Association, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities, Maine Education Association, Maine Principals Association, and Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, have a deep conviction that any learning evaluation policies or practices must come from a stance of equity and compassion.

We strongly recommend that SAUs take time to thoughtfully design grading policies and practices that do no harm. Operating from a stance of equity and compassion means beginning with those most marginalized in mind when making decisions. Even during times of regular school instruction, each and every district in the state of Maine had learners dealing with homelessness, food instability, poverty, substance use disorders, and domestic violence, among other stressful and traumatic life situations. Now we see those situations intensifying, and new situations emerging in families that were once stable.

Any evaluation of learning must take into account the reality that many of our learners are in these circumstances. Learning in any of the circumstances noted above is almost impossible, and no student should face a failing grade, or other evaluative suffering, as a result. We encourage SAUs and regions to discuss and determine a system that holds harmless students for whom conditions are outside of their control and as best as possible prevents any further learning inequities.

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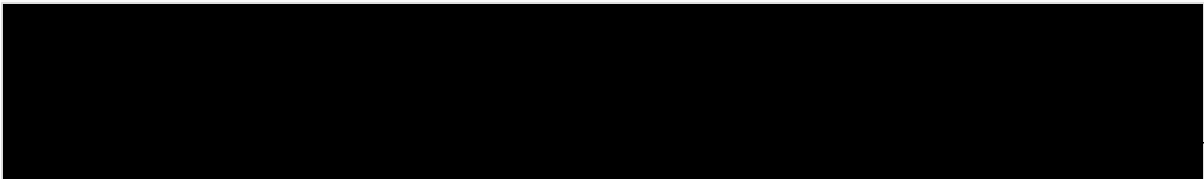
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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:03:59 AM
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Subject: How Long Should a Remote School Day Be?

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Hi all,

Thought this was an interesting article on remote learning and length of school day. Jill

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2020-05-04-how-long-should-a-remote-school-day-be-there-s-no-consensus>



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I have reached to the Supt for Jefferson as has Eileen. She had a good conversation with Craig J yesterday and I am awaiting for a reply from him before I approach the board chair. This is a very independent and contrary board (I worked with three of the board members while I was in that AOS).

Yes the residents would be upset with \$\$ left on the table to help with expenses. Their principal just resigned to move to a central office position - so they are a little rudderless at the moment being guided by the board chair and Supt to the best of his ability.

I'll be back in touch after (if) I get in touch with the board chair.

Steve

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I think that taxpayers would be upset if they heard the school boards were going to leave hundreds of thousands on the table in CRF. I had success meeting with a couple of stuck board members in Calais on Monday – but not sure I can go town to town at this point... If childcare in the community is a major issue causing school boards to insist upon 100% open, people should know that we are seeking a different (additional) amount from CRF to fund grants for childcare partnerships.

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Thanks Holly for sharing !

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Subject: Johns Hopkins research on reopening schools

Hello everyone!

I received this from Greg Waples, Senior Manager, State Engagement and Outreach for NASSP. I found it to be very interesting.

Holly

Passing along this very helpful new resource from Johns Hopkins University in case you hadn't seen it yet: a tool that tracks and analyzes school state reopening plans across the country. It also includes a compilation of some of the guides and recommendations on reopening put out by national groups. It's a very helpful one-stop-shop to find a lot of this information.

<https://equityschoolplus.jhu.edu/reopening-policy-tracker/?source=email>



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Holly has suggested adding in something about how failing students is not an option. I agree with that sentiment, but I think everyone would have to agree, including DOE.

I have not heard anything from Kellie, Dan, or Pender. My hope is that this can be a priority notice.

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 4:02 PM Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org> wrote:

Courtney,

MEA is good with this (removing the parts at the end that you suggested removing about pass/fail/incomplete, etc.).

As for next steps, is this something that we all share out? Has DOE weighed in? Does it come from DOE with all our names on it?

Not sure, but I agree that sooner is better than later...

Thank you in any case!

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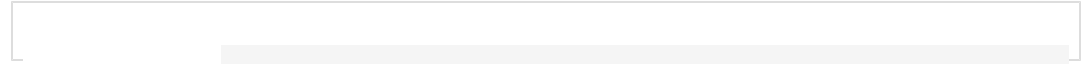
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I have not heard anything from Kellie, Dan, or Pender. My hope is that this can be a priority notice.

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Courtney,

MEA is good with this (removing the parts at the end that you suggested removing about pass/fail/incomplete, etc.).

As for next steps, is this something that we all share out? Has DOE weighed in? Does it come from DOE with all our names on it?

Not sure, but I agree that sooner is better than later...


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Subject: Re: Joint Statement on Grading Draft

I have seen people in and out of the draft, and have made changes as they are suggested. Do we think we can get this out soon?


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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 11:31 AM Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org> wrote:

Excellent suggestions. Thank you.

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Hi Courtney – Thanks for your great start on this document. I’ve been in to add my 2 cents – and shortened it some, and limited the recommendations for actual grading to 2 – though there may well be many. I hope that if you want to reconstruct it, obviously, my additions can be scrapped as well. Just thought shorter might be a little better. Thanks for your work.

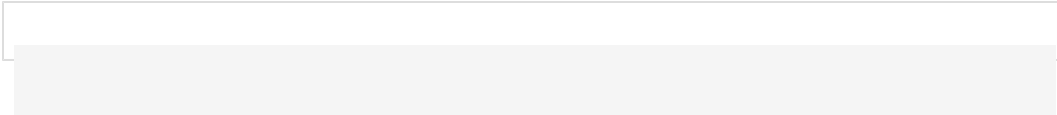
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Good Afternoon Team,

Here is my go at a draft of a joint statement about evaluating learning. You all have editing rights, so PLEASE go in and edit, revise, suggest, etc. I know it needs help!

Best,



[Evaluating Learning Joint Statement](#)

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Subject: Re: Leaving Maine
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:55:55 PM

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Paula- I am selfishly sorry to hear this. I believe the amazing relationship we have established has been because of you and Grace's teamwork and collaboration towards what is best for Maine educators. I will miss you, your thoughtful input and your desire to work as collaboratively as possible. You have our emails, please stay in touch. I wish you nothing but health and happiness! You will be missed.

On Jul 27, 2020, at 5:09 PM, Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to let you all know that I am leaving the MEA as of the end of this week. I will be heading back to Maryland to work for MEA's sister organization there, which is where I worked before coming to Maine. My reasons are both personal and professional – my husband has been unable to find professional work here and he's been fortunate to also find work back in Maryland; Maryland is closer to my stepson in D.C. and provides quicker travel back to my parents in Wisconsin, which gives me some greater comfort knowing I can get there quickly if needed. I will miss Maine in so many ways (I think I already do!), but my path leads back to Maryland at the moment.

I've enjoyed the important work with the MEA, working with Grace and the wonderful staff and members. I've also appreciated working with all of you! Without a doubt, you are all some of the most thoughtful, capable, respectful people I have ever worked with in your roles. We've worked through a number of interesting things, nothing of which can ever likely match this immediate COVID-19 situation. I am truly grateful to have had the chance to work together and I wish you all the best, and hope the good cooperation and collaboration continues on.

Rob Walker will be rejoining the MEA as interim Executive Director. Could you please be so kind as to include him in future meeting invites? His email is rwalker@maineea.org. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
Maine Education Association

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Subject: Re: MCLA Tiered Planning Document Shared Today
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:20:59 PM

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Thank you. I am privileged to work with, and for, some incredible members of the education community. The curriculum leaders in Maine are truly doing an amazing job holding things together and making plans to support learning during this time. I am humbled by their passion and perseverance.

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On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 5:55 PM Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov> wrote:

Wow – Courtney! Thank you so much – you’re amazing!!!!

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Hello All,

Today we shared the attached document with our members and friends. We created this in collaboration with many of our members over the past week.

 [MCLA Tiered PLanning For Continuity of Learning](#)

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I also invited my president, Matt Haney to join.
Holly

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Pender Makin
Pronouns: she,her,hers
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Disclaimer - I'm a high school principal and have barely more than 0 experience with K screening.

Two pieces of feedback:

- The practice of pre-screening is transformative. It will make the actual process more effective, efficient, and humane. This could be an example of a silver lining related to what we're learning during this pandemic that will make us better in the long term.
- I understand that it has to be this way - and - Boy is it unfortunate that the first contact that these poor 4-5 year olds have with a teacher or nurse is behind a mask. For some of these kids it will be their first impression of school and also their first out of the house experience since March, or earlier. Masks are certainly a medical necessity and I wonder if there are creative ways to mitigate the fear factor they exacerbate.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

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I agree that this is a solid document. Another suggestion might be to have assessment teams send out introduction videos of the people without masks, and a developmentally appropriate explanation of the process.

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Hello all,

Sorry to be commenting so late here. I agree with everyone's suggestions and would add the following:

We have been putting together virtual tours to go with a social story that introduces some of the key staff members students will see when they come to school.

I wonder about our EL communities and if outreach to them should/could be included. We have been communicating via our EL teachers and local cultural brokers with whom we have worked as a means to make sure families new to the area know where to go to access registration materials.

See you shortly!

-Megan

On Wed, May 20, 2020 at 7:38 AM Holly Couturier <HCouturier@mpa.cc> wrote:

Good morning,

I agree Steve, schools could also have a virtual tour of how it will work. This way parents/guardians can show the kids ahead of time what it will look like.

See you all later.

Holly



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Thanks for sending this out.

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Good morning John,

A couple of these questions can be answered easily and I do appreciate your noting of any inconsistent language or confusing language. We will prioritize a revision today regarding your last point.

As for question number one, The six requirements for health and safety prohibit anyone with any symptoms from coming to school. Whether close contacts or not, anybody who exhibits the symptoms on the bulleted list should contact the school with that information and stay home. Similarly, anyone with a positive test should not come to school and should follow the CDC requirements for ensuring that they return only when it is advisable to do so. Regarding the question of whether schools can call staff members into action, who are close contacts, but who are asymptomatic and have negative tests... that's far this remains a possibility, but we are revisiting this piece. Regarding the label of "essential workers": in several context this has been very helpful to educators and school staff. Examples include the use of the essential workers designation in determining that all staff should continue to be paid whether or not they worked throughout the spring; also, there are conversations happening right now around whether schools could access CRF funding to set up daycare specifically for the children of "essential workers" ... also, I believe the designation as essential workers properly honors educators as the heroes that they are and the critical necessity of public education in holding the fabric of our entire society together ... The one place where it creates a problematic issue is in the SOP section on who may return to work under quarantine. Please stay tuned on this - we are working on it and should have revisions completed soon.

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Hi Commissioner and Beth –

I hope you are both well. I just had a conversation with Maryanne and wanted to ask your help in answering questions about the CDC Standard Operating Procedures for PK-12 Public Schools. I listened to Dr Shah respond to a question about this today during the 2pm briefing, but I remain confused about a few elements of the SOP and was hoping you could help shed some light. I also heard Dr Shah call the document a draft and that revisions could be coming.

Obviously the language in the SOP labeling school employees as essential employees has caused

some concern. We would hope no district would ever require a school employee to return if they are a close contact of a positive case, but we know it will inevitably happen somewhere.

However, the current language is unclear on two fronts:

1. Can school employees be required to work even if they are symptomatic? What if they have a positive test?

Unless I am missing it, the SOP is silent on this question. Here is the relevant section and it describes school employees as essential and then addresses situations where they are a close contact – I don't see any evidence that they can not or should not work if they have tested positive or if they have symptoms:

From the SOP: "School staff (teachers, nurses, bus drivers, etc.), however, are considered essential workers. For school staff who are close contacts of confirmed cases in a school, the school staff may return to work while in quarantine so long as (1) there are no substitute school staff members available, (2) the school staff members take appropriate infection control precautions, including the use of PPE, and (3) the staff remain in quarantine outside of work."

I hope the answers to these questions is obvious but the SOP currently appears silent.

2. Is there no testing requirement for close contacts required to return to work?

At the top of page 5 under "Outbreak Response," there is language about testing for close contacts and non-close contacts, and from a typo it appears an original version of this read that "students, teachers and staff" cannot return to school with a negative test. Now the sentence only refers to students and the next sentence states "Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines in Section F." However, the next sentence says that all non-close contacts, including "students, teachers and staff" with a negative test can return to work. It doesn't make sense to say close contacts can return to work but non-close contacts need a negative test to return, or am I missing something?:

Here is the relevant section of the SOP (top of page 5):

Close contacts: Students, with a negative COVID 19 test cannot return to school. They must complete the 14-day quarantine. Essential workers may return so long as they follow the guidelines outlined in Section F.

Non-close contacts - Students, teachers and staff with a negative COVID 19 test can return to school after cleaning is completed

I hate to split hairs but the SOP is a critical document for schools and we are already getting anxious questions about the provision that would allow educators to return to school even if they are a close contact. After reviewing further, we found what may be more inconsistencies and would appreciate any help you can provide.

Best,

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Thanks for your invite Grace and if I didn't have my own Zoom meeting with two Regions tonight at 6 I would attend and Eileen will be on a superintendent search Zoom meeting herself - hope your meeting goes well. Thanks for everyone's work today and this week.
Steve

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:37:27 PM
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Cc: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: Register for Zoom with MEA and MDOE

Fellow leaders—

I wanted you all to know you are more than welcome to join us on the Tele-Town Hall we have this evening for our members with the Commissioner and others from the DOE.
I imagine you're having your fill of 'zoom' meetings these days, but if not, feel free to listen in!

Thank you all for all the hard work you are doing—our meetings are definitely a bright spot in all of this!

Grace

From: Grace Leavitt, MEA President <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
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MEA has put together this live event to provide our members access to those who can directly answer some of the questions you may have as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. This tele-town hall will give members the opportunity to hear directly from the Commissioner and ask questions to our panel of experts. Please join us this Thursday at 7pm for this live event.

If you have a question you would like answered, you can ask it in advance of the event. [Please submit the question here](#) and we will do our best to have it answered during the live event.

[This will be a Zoom Webinar.](#)

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We hope you can join MEA and MDOE tomorrow.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy,
Grace Leavitt
MEA President

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Subject: Re: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:45:33 AM

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Gosh no worries!!!

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On Apr 15, 2020, at 10:14 AM, Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org> wrote:

Friends –

My apologies. In the earlier version of this agenda, I inadvertently omitted Heather Whitaker from Gorham Middle School as a panelist for tonight's webinar. Very sorry. Of course we are thrilled Heather is joining us and we cant wait to hear what she says. Sorry Heather.

Attached is a revised and updated DRAFT agenda for tonight.

And please let me know if you have any issues. I will talk to you at 6:45pm tonight on Zoom.

Best,
JK

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To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Nichols, Page <Page.Nichols@maine.gov>; Lambert, Beth <Beth.Lambert@maine.gov>; Heather Whitaker <heather.whitaker@gorhamschools.org>
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Subject: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT

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Best,
John Kosinski
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Mobile: 207.458.1312

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From: [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
To: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Re: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:00:09 AM

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Hello Everyone,

Commissioner, as requested, I just resent the invitation for tonight's event to pender.makin@maine.gov (it is sent directly from Zoom). If you do not see it make sure to check your SPAM/Junk folder as it could end up in there.

If it is not getting through for some reason perhaps we could send it to you at another email address?

I'm here to help and can be reached directly by cell @ 689-7362 if that is better for you.

Thank you,

-lee

Lee Pullen
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From: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Pullen, Lee [ME] <LPullen@maineea.org>
Subject: RE: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT

Commissioner! Great to hear from you and we are THRILLED you will join us. I have cc'ed Lee, the MEA IT Director, and he can make sure you have a link. Please ring me if you have any issues or concerns. We will be gathering tonight at 645pm on the Zoom link for a quick rundown.

Thanks for all you do,
JK

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:12 AM
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Subject: RE: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT

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Hi John,

Could you send me a link? I somehow missed this one (know about tomorrow night ... but I don't remember being involved in this one – and would love to join).

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John Kosinski

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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhtha, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: Re: SAD #30 needs clarification
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 6:29:27 AM

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Hi Everyone—Holly and I spoke yesterday. We are both reaching out to different people and hope that this will be taken care of asap.

Eileen

From: "Makin, Pender" <pender.makin@maine.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 8:12 PM
To: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>, "daniel.chuhtha@maine.gov" <daniel.chuhtha@maine.gov>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
Subject: RE: SAD #30 needs clarification

I assume the team has debunked this one? We have put it in our FAQs that there's no research supporting the use of dividers as a replacement for masks or for required distance

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Subject: SAD #30 needs clarification

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Good morning—another one I hope you can help with!

I got this (below) this morning from a member in SAD #30—We have clarified it with the members who have attempted to address it, but admin and board need to be corrected on their misunderstanding (as well as on the lack of safety with plexiglass on desks...)

“Tonight I heard Mr. Braun say, and the Board accept, that the students can have their masks off when 3' apart because of the plexiglass on the tables. This includes when eating. Masks off at 3' with plexiglass is acceptable even though the plexiglass only comes to the edge of the tables, and not out past where the students are sitting in their chairs which means their faces are 3' apart without any barriers. Is this really OK? Is this really what DOE/CDC intend?”

Thank you for helping to address this one, too!

Grace

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Frazier, Erin](#)
Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Allen, Dan \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:38:07 PM

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Yes, that's fine. We had a few technical difficulties with this last night but we can run through this at 6:45 tonight. See you then.

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Subject: RE: Special Education and the COVID 19 Pandemic

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Is it ok if I just share my screen John? I want to go to several different locations.

Erin

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Agenda looks great.

Erin

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Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:33:42 PM

Very honored to be part of the DOE right now. Thanks John!

Erin

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Erin, Commissioner, Team DOE:
That was excellent. Thank you!

Thank you especially to Erin. You had to be "on your feet" the full hour. Your presentation was excellent. You were certainly engaging. We had 375 join us at the peak and about 325 stayed until the end. The questions were good, rich – and you did a great job of answering them.

And thank you Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and Kelli for making the time and helping to execute these webinars.

I think they are hugely helpful to educators in the field.

Thank you,
Jk

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From: Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov> **On Behalf Of** Kosinski, John [ME]

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:02 PM

To: Makin, Pender

Subject: TeleTown Hall with Commissioner, Maine DOE, MEA

When: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00 PM-8:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams

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From: Kosinski, John [ME]

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:04:17 AM

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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Cc: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Re: Thank you!
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:18:40 PM

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Teamwork always the best!

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 11:28 AM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
Cc: "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Eileen and Holly,
Just want you to know all is well with the teacher in MSAD 75—she is back in quarantine, the principal apologized for the misunderstanding, and the teacher feels for the administrators who have been figuring all of this out—

Thank you for your help!

Grace

Grace Leavitt
President, Maine Education Association
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Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-4418

From: [Wilson G. Hess](#)
To: [Amy Johnson](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Lambert, Beth](#); [Nichols, Page](#); [Allen, Joanne](#); [Tarr, Jennifer L](#)
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Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 6:16:59 PM

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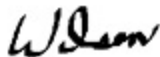
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Hi Amy and all.

I very much appreciate the thoughtful and appropriate concerns and suggestions you have expressed. It made me realize even more fully the extent of the wide range of issues involved and with every new concern, perhaps a need for tweaking the solutions we come up with. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Representative David McCrea

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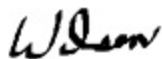
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Subject: Re: Video conference with MEA members
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:58:02 PM

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Wonderful.

Let me run this by my team and I will be right back in touch.

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From: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:16:20 PM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
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Subject: Re: Video conference with MEA members
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:52:04 PM

Yes! Count me in! And thanks for thinking of me... sorry so long in responding, but I have been in back to back nonstop video meetings all day.

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Pronouns: she,her,hers
Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: Webinar, checking in
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:32:41 AM

Yes! It was on my calendar again for Wednesday night...

Pender Makin
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Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli –

So we have not finalized our plan for a webinar and I wanted to loop you both in.

We would welcome the chance to host a webinar with the Commissioner and members this week. We have been getting strong turnout on Wednesday nights, including 700+ at our webinar last Wednesday on legal issues (i.e. ADA) and return to work. If the Commissioner wanted to be part of a webinar with us this week, we would need to know today to finalize. We could host a webinar either Wednesday at 7pm (preferred) or Thursday at 7pm. We would want to get information to our members by tonight and send a reminder email the day off in order to give everyone enough advance notice.

In addition to a general Q and A and preparing for return to school discussion, we would suggest we use the opportunity to gather input from educators in the field about the draft framework. Now that educators have worked on the re opening plans (hopefully cooperatively with admin and community), they may have views on tweaks to the framework. In some places in the County, we may have real world implementation since they are already back to school in a few communities.

I must say as well that we have been hearing a bit more frustration from the field. Particularly educators in York and Cumberland County are the most concerned about return to in person. We expect polls back of members and parents as well to better understand how educators and parents are feeling. But there has certainly been an expected uptick in frustration, concern and anxiety.

I hope this helps. I would love to talk more if you are able. **Please let us know if you think a webinar this week on Wednesday or Thursday will work for you.**

Best,

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Subject: Re: Well done!
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:26:24 PM

It was totally our honor and pleasure, Grace. The amazing staff and educators in Maine schools are keeping the

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To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Nichols, Page <Page.Nichols@maine.gov>; Lucas, Roberta <Roberta.Lucas@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>
Cc: Herman, Mary <Mary.Herman@maine.gov>; Holmes, Jaci <Jaci.Holmes@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: Well done!

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You were all awesome—I can't thank you enough! I am getting lots of e-mails already thanking us.

I hope you all have a quiet evening now—

Stay well,

Grace

From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Nichols, Page <Page.Nichols@maine.gov>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Lucas, Roberta <Roberta.Lucas@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>
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Thanks Karen – and thanks team!!!! *and I am so sorry I was late!

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Cc: Herman, Mary <Mary.Herman@maine.gov>; Holmes, Jaci <Jaci.Holmes@maine.gov>

Subject: Well done!

Great job with the Zoom session!

Proud of you all!

Karen

PS Mike and Michael, too.

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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [steve bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Cheryl Mercier](#); [Megan Welter](#); ["Courtney Belolan"](#); [Shelly Mogul](#)
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Thank you!

Grace

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From: [Megan Welter](#)
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Thanks,
Megan

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Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Embargoed COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:54:48 PM

Okay, thank you Paula- on the copy I send tomorrow (it is in embargoed status for supts to review) I will pull MEA off.

Given the strict limits on numbers of 50 or fewer people , I would hope that saus are not using precious seats to compel educators to attend, but I fully believe understand your concern.

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Hi Kelli,

Thank you for sharing this guidance and the opportunity to provide input. At this point, we would prefer to not be listed. While many concerns we have were addressed, some remain. In particular, we know of places where staff have been required to attend graduation in the past and might likely be now despite the circumstances. If language were included around staff being offered the opportunity to volunteer to assist that would be helpful. We also continue to support all of our previous unified guidance that addresses the end of the school year and assessing the essential nature of work that needs to be done immediately.

If there were additional time to work on this, we would definitely make time to do so whenever was possible for others. If not, we understand that school districts want guidance to help them address and inform decisions around graduation ceremonies.

Thank you,

Paula Voelker, Executive Director
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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:51 PM

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Subject: FW: [Test] PRIORITY NOTICE: Embargoed COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies

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Folks, take a quick look please and thank you. I would like to send tonight. I am fixing the formatting issues with the bullets.

Eileen and Paula, just need okay that your org is listed as a help in this.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:49 PM

To: Deveau, Kelli <Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>

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COVID-19: Guidance on High School Graduation Ceremonies and Related Activities

Sent to Superintendents ONLY: EMBARGOED UNTIL 1:00 pm May 6, 2020.

Updated: May 5, 2020,

Understanding the milestone that high school graduation represents in the lives of our students and families, Maine DOE has assembled a group to explore and make recommendations on ways in which we can honor the Class of 2020 while taking into consideration public health concerns, social distancing recommendations, and government-issued restrictions on social gatherings.

Decisions around whether to host graduation ceremonies will remain at the discretion of

local school boards and superintendents and must be conducted in accordance with Governor Mills' "Stay Safer at Home Orders." As we remain in a state of civil emergency, planners of important events are urged to consider the fact that regulations and recommendations are subject to change, due to the dynamic nature of this situation. The following guidelines must be taken into consideration when planning events:

- June-August, 2020, social gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 people. (In May, the limit is no more than 10 people).
- Physical (social) distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
- Cloth face coverings must be used in all public settings. (Exceptions: Cloth face coverings are not required for children under age 2, a child in a child care setting, or for anyone who has trouble breathing or related medical conditions, or who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance).
- A 14-Day Quarantine is required for all individuals entering or returning to Maine prior to going out in public.
- Some municipalities have additional requirements and guidelines that must be followed.

In-Person Ceremonies:

Beginning in June, when group sizes of up to 50 will be permitted, there are some options available for very small graduating classes (or for larger classes, broken into smaller groups through multiple ceremonies) while maintaining social distancing. The following guidelines should be followed to ensure a safe event:

- Limit the number of participants, staff, and guests to fewer than 50 people, in total.
- Seat graduates 6 feet apart in all directions.
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- Require use of cloth face masks.
- Develop accommodations, with increased distancing and precautions, for those with underlying health issues.
- Mark the standing locations of graduates waiting in line and during processional at 6 foot intervals.
- Ensure additional staff support to monitor and maintain acceptable distance.
- Utilize one-way direction of movements and use separate entrances and exits if possible.
- Consider how diplomas will be collected when a student's name is called. Staff may consider placing the diploma on a table for the student to collect. Students may walk across the stage, collect the diploma from the table, and pose for a picture individually or appropriately distanced from a school/district official.
- Communicate expectations and guidelines in advance to ensure understanding and compliance.
- Develop plans for use of restrooms and access to soap and water for hand washing

with marked waiting spaces at 6 foot intervals to avoid crowding at bathroom stalls or sinks. Arrange for a custodian to monitor and replenish soap/paper towels.

- Provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas.
- Contact your local law enforcement to help with planning and crowd control.
- Consider designating a single person to take an official photo/video of each graduate receiving their diploma and prohibit others from approaching the area to take their own pictures or video.

Drive-In Options:

- Before planning a drive-in ceremony, please consider the needs and rights of families who do not have access to a vehicle and make equitable arrangements.
- Maine drive-in movie theaters have been granted permission to open, as long as they meet a set of criteria and follow certain guidelines. Schools may contract with a drive-in movie theater operating within those regulations.
- If a school wishes to plan a “drive in” ceremony outside of an approved, open, theater, there are many precautions that should be taken:
 - Work with local law enforcement to get approval for use of a field or parking lot, and to support traffic flow and crowd control.
 - Measure out parking spots that are spaced a minimum of 6’ apart.
 - Communicate rules ahead of time regarding the need for all participants to stay inside the cars with the doors closed and to wear cloth masks if windows are down.
 - Allow one student at a time to leave the family’s vehicle to pick up a diploma, using the guidelines above for in-person ceremonies.

Other options for honoring graduates:

- Virtual Ceremonies or video tributes: Ask seniors to send individual videos with short messages to their graduating classmates. This can be compiled with more traditional speeches that can be done by video or livestream to create a keepsake video.
- Hashtag Campaigns: Highlight seniors on social media each day with special hashtags that allow for family, friends, and community members to congratulate individual students (who agree to participate) with photos and messages.
- Postpone the graduation ceremonies until it is safe to gather in large groups once again, or host them in one year as an “early reunion.”

Developed with valuable input from:

- Maine School Superintendents Association
- Maine Principals Association
- Maine Education Association
- Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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On Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 8:48 AM Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com> wrote:

Thank you very much.

Steve

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Hi Kelli –

Thanks for the updated message. Can you let me (so I can help others with this question) what the requirement from districts is for their Continuity of Learning Plan – that may have been covered on the Webinar a week or more ago – I have had a few questions on this one.

Also, related to the waiver on the minimum number of school days noted in this most recent message, does that request for a waiver have to be submitted by the superintendent / school board as part of their continuity of learning plan?

Thanks – not sure I have been looped in on all of these, or had a chance to read all the guidance and priority reports in fine detail.

Steve

From: Deveau, Kelli [<mailto:Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:15 AM

To: All DOE

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Daily Update From Commissioner Makin: March 25, 2020

Dear Champions of Education,

We are hopeful that the Governor's message yesterday afternoon will help our state to slow the progression of the coronavirus and ultimately allow us to avert some of the catastrophic situations we're seeing in other regions. We've been receiving several questions about whether education and nutrition services provided by local schools are considered to be essential, and the answer is that they are essential. Certainly it is advisable to have as many staff members as possible working from home, but CDC guidance (Maine and national) continues to recognize the importance of continuing to provide essential services and continues to recommend careful hand washing, avoiding large groups, and generally keeping a 6' bubble of space from others.

In response to many questions and concerns from the field, here are some clarifications:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS for the SCHOOL YEAR: The minimum number of school days will be waived for the 2019-2020 school year.

STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND ESSA ACCOUNTABILITY: Maine has applied for, and has received, waivers that eliminate state assessment requirements for this year.

CERTIFICATION: Extensions of up to 1 year will be provided for renewal applications that have been impacted by COVID-19 disruption.

PRE-SERVICE / EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS: In lieu of certain coursework, practicum, and/or internship requirements, DOE will accept recommendations from educator preparation programs regarding the qualifications of pre-service educators who are currently in a educator preparation program/certification program that has been disrupted by COVID-19.

PEPG: DOE will not hold SAUs accountable for compliance with state statute/regulations regarding professional growth / supervision & evaluation systems. Enforcement of locally developed and/or adopted policies, programs, and systems remain at the discretion of local SAUs.

IDEA/SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: We recognize that it is reasonable for schools and districts to be at different places when it comes to providing continuity of education for all students. It has only been a few days, and we're hearing that some districts were up and running with a full program on "day one" and that others are still working hard to get the necessary materials, plans, logistics, and systems in place. We have also heard that (in Maine and across the nation) some school leaders are hesitant to offer any services until they are able to support full IEP accommodations.

We urge you to provide the best programming you can for all students and to offer as many accommodations as possible to facilitate universal access. FAPE under more "traditional" circumstances likely looks different from FAPE under a state and national emergency that has temporarily redefined what public education looks like. IEPs were based on a set of basic circumstances one would expect in a traditional school setting, and education for all students is very different right now. Fear of putting forth anything short of perfection at this time will immobilize you and your teams of educators when you most need to be proactive and innovative.

Please check out our most updated guidance and resource page for Special Education: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed/covid19> As always, our specialists at DOE will be glad to answer your questions and to assist you as you move ahead with offering educational programming to all of the students in your care. Nobody should be feeling alone in this, so please connect as often as needed.

SCHOOL BUS DELIVERIES of MEALS and ACADEMIC MATERIALS: Just when you think there couldn't be another rule or statute to trip over as we find our way through all of this... guess what? Turns out that the flashing lights on buses must only be used when school-aged passengers are on board. Please ask your transportation team to just pull over and use a regular blinker when making deliveries.

CDC NOTIFICATIONS to SUPERINTENDENTS and SCHOOL NURSES WHEN POSITIVE COVID CASE IS IDENTIFIED: Due to the current workload involved in investigating and monitoring positive cases of COVID-19, the multiple means of testing, and the prevalence of community transmission in some areas of the state, it is possible that both families of students and/or staff members will have notified schools before Maine CDC staff does. It is also likely that they (the student or staff) will know the preliminary result before the Maine CDC does. Because of this, Maine CDC can no longer guarantee that the superintendent and school nurse will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case. The Maine CDC and Maine DOE will do their best to communicate as we are able with school staff as quickly as possible. If you learn of a positive case in your school community (staff or student), please contact Emily Poland, our Nurse Consultant at DOE at emily.poland@maine.gov. She is working with CDC to provide a model letter for school leaders to use as they notify others of a positive case.

We hope these clarifications are helpful, and we will keep you updated as the situation progresses. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the specialists at DOE for support and/or guidance regarding these updates or any other concerns and questions.

Thank you for all you do,

Pender



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Hi Kelli –

Thanks for the updated message. Can you let me (so I can help others with this question) what the requirement from districts is for their Continuity of Learning Plan – that may have been covered on the Webinar a week or more ago – I have had a few questions on this one.

Also, related to the waiver on the minimum number of school days noted in this most recent message, does that request for a waiver have to be submitted by the superintendent / school board as part of their continuity of learning plan?

Thanks – not sure I have been looped in on all of these, or had a chance to read all the guidance and priority reports in fine detail.

Steve

From: Deveau, Kelli [<mailto:Kelli.Deveau@maine.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:15 AM
To: All DOE
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Daily Update From Commissioner Makin: March 25, 2020

Dear Champions of Education,

We are hopeful that the Governor's message yesterday afternoon will help our state to slow the progression of the coronavirus and ultimately allow us to avert some of the catastrophic situations we're seeing in other regions. We've been receiving several questions about whether education and nutrition services provided by local schools are considered to be essential, and the answer is that they are essential. Certainly it is advisable to have as many staff members as possible working from home, but CDC guidance (Maine and national) continues to recognize the importance of continuing to provide essential services and continues to recommend careful hand washing, avoiding large groups, and generally keeping a 6' bubble of space from others.

In response to many questions and concerns from the field, here are some clarifications:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS for the SCHOOL YEAR: The minimum number of school days will be waived for the 2019-2020 school year.

STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND ESSA ACCOUNTABILITY: Maine has applied for, and has received, waivers that eliminate state assessment requirements for this year.

CERTIFICATION: Extensions of up to 1 year will be provided for renewal applications that have been impacted by COVID-19 disruption.

PRE-SERVICE / EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS: In lieu of certain coursework, practicum, and/or internship requirements, DOE will accept recommendations from educator preparation programs regarding the qualifications of pre-service educators who are currently in a educator preparation program/certification program that has been disrupted by COVID-19.

PEPG: DOE will not hold SAUs accountable for compliance with state statute/regulations regarding professional growth / supervision & evaluation systems. Enforcement of locally developed and/or adopted policies, programs, and systems remain at the discretion of local SAUs.

IDEA/SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: We recognize that it is reasonable for schools and districts to be at different places when it comes to providing continuity of education for all students. It has only been a few days, and we're hearing that some districts were up and running with a full program on "day one" and that others are still working hard to get the

necessary materials, plans, logistics, and systems in place. We have also heard that (in Maine and across the nation) some school leaders are hesitant to offer any services until they are able to support full IEP accommodations.

We urge you to provide the best programming you can for all students and to offer as many accommodations as possible to facilitate universal access. FAPE under more “traditional” circumstances likely looks different from FAPE under a state and national emergency that has temporarily redefined what public education looks like. IEPs were based on a set of basic circumstances one would expect in a traditional school setting, and education for all students is very different right now. Fear of putting forth anything short of perfection at this time will immobilize you and your teams of educators when you most need to be proactive and innovative.

Please check out our most updated guidance and resource page for Special Education: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed/covid19> As always, our specialists at DOE will be glad to answer your questions and to assist you as you move ahead with offering educational programming to all of the students in your care. Nobody should be feeling alone in this, so please connect as often as needed.

SCHOOL BUS DELIVERIES of MEALS and ACADEMIC MATERIALS: Just when you think there couldn't be another rule or statute to trip over as we find our way through all of this... guess what? Turns out that the flashing lights on buses must only be used when school-aged passengers are on board. Please ask your transportation team to just pull over and use a regular blinker when making deliveries.

CDC NOTIFICATIONS to SUPERINTENDENTS and SCHOOL NURSES WHEN POSITIVE COVID CASE IS IDENTIFIED: Due to the current workload involved in investigating and monitoring positive cases of COVID-19, the multiple means of testing, and the prevalence of community transmission in some areas of the state, it is possible that both families of students and/or staff members will have notified schools before Maine CDC staff does. It is also likely that they (the student or staff) will know the preliminary result before the Maine CDC does. Because of this, Maine CDC can no longer guarantee that the superintendent and school nurse will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case. The Maine CDC and Maine DOE will do their best to communicate as we are able with school staff as quickly as possible. If you learn of a positive case in your school community (staff or student), please contact Emily Poland, our Nurse Consultant at DOE at emily.poland@maine.gov. She is working with CDC to provide a model letter for school leaders to use as they notify others of a positive case.

We hope these clarifications are helpful, and we will keep you updated as the situation progresses. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the specialists at DOE for support and/or guidance regarding these updates or any other concerns and questions.

Thank you for all you do,

Pender



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Steve

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Thank you all for your great work on this, and I apologize for the delay. Just wanted to make sure everyone had a chance to review prior to hitting send!
Be well,
Kelli

From: Maine Department of Education <communications.doe@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:32 PM
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We strongly recommend that SAUs take time to thoughtfully design grading policies and practices that do no harm. Operating from a stance of equity and compassion means beginning with those most marginalized in mind when making decisions. Even during times of regular school instruction, each and every district in the state of Maine had learners dealing with homelessness, food instability, poverty, substance use disorders, and domestic violence, among other stressful and traumatic life situations. Now we see those situations intensifying, and new situations emerging in families that were once stable.

Any evaluation of learning must take into account the reality that many of our learners are in these circumstances. Learning in any of the circumstances noted above is almost impossible, and no student should face a failing grade, or other evaluative suffering, as a result. We encourage SAUs and regions to discuss and determine a system that holds harmless students for whom conditions are outside of their control and as best as possible prevents any further learning inequities.

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: ?
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7:28:38 AM

Wow. I had no idea! I thought MEA had representation in all schools/districts.
Thanks for the confirmation on that and for all you're doing to support this extremely difficult work.

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Agreed! We are sending out information and ideas for planning for continuity of learning today to MCLA members.

Courtney Belolan
She/Her/Hers
Executive Director



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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Lambrew, Jeanne M](#)
Cc: [Grace Leavitt](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: conversation with Dr. Pontius
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 12:10:28 PM

As the mental health specialist in the DOE, I have been developing and presenting resources on stress, anxiety and grief for educators and school leadership and would love to collaborate, facilitate or support as appropriate. Please let me know where I can be helpful for this important effort.

Bear Shea, LCSW

he/him/his

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Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Lambrew, Jeanne M <Jeanne.M.Lambrew@maine.gov>
Cc: Grace Leavitt <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Shea, Bear <W.Bear.Shea@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: conversation with Dr. Pontius

Hi Jeanne,

Grace Leavitt from MEA shared the email below and I would be most grateful for the opportunity to connect with Dr. Pontius to learn more about what's offered for health care workers and to see if perhaps he could expand to support an educator version of this work? I completely understand that this is your contract and would gladly apply resources toward that if feasible. Or, it would be great to just learn about the program and see if we could emulate it in some way on our own (maybe with Bear Shea, for example)...?

Thanks for considering,

Pender

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineaa.org>

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 2:07 PM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>

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Good afternoon, Commissioner Makin,

I think I mentioned last week at some point that Dr. Ed Pontius reached out to me because he had been in touch with the President of our MEA Retired group, Kay Grindall, about the possibility of training some retired educators in PFA (Psychological First Aid) so that they would be able to help educators deal with stress/anxiety as the school year gets underway. I had a lengthy conversation with him Friday evening about what he has been doing with Maine FrontLine/WarmLine and helping healthcare workers. He asked me to reach out to you to ask you if you could speak with Commissioner Lambrew about this (Dr. Pontius said he has been working with Dr. Pollard and Amy Belisle at DHHS)—it seems that that conversation—between you and Commissioner Lambrew-- would have to happen in order for him to do this.

Kay seemed sure there would be retired educators who would be interested in getting this training and assisting with this, and I know that the level of anxiety among our members is high and likely to only get higher in the coming weeks.

I'd be glad to talk more about what he has shared with me (or forward his emails to you if you'd like). Just let me know if that would be helpful.

Thank you!

Grace

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From: Makin, Pender
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#)
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: couple more things
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 12:40:49 PM

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Two topics have come up recently—concerns that educators have re: ‘livestreaming’ their classes and having cameras in classrooms—and needing, if this has to be done, ways to ensure that it is done such that there are no ‘end user’ violations of any kind (such as recording, misusing, etc.) as well as privacy concerns—I’m hoping we can find a suitable way to provide what is needed for students who can’t be in person but also protect educators as well as students from potential issues around this if there is not a better way to provide for remote instruction where/when needed.

We

Also, I’ve had questions re: face masks (sorry—I’m sure we are all getting tired of the issue!)—an admin saying that the staff, when seated 6 feet apart, can remove masks—but I am saying that is not correct—there is nothing in either the DOE Framework or the CDC document that is linked there that says that (only that students can remove masks for meals, and then must be six feet apart)—so clarification around that with others would be helpful.

Then there is the idea of ‘mask breaks’—in the CDC document that is linked in the DOE Framework, it mentions these—but the pediatricians on our recent webinar said these would be when there is a time in the day—such as meals, recess—that occur naturally (again, when six feet apart in the cafeteria or on the playground)—not additional ‘breaks’ whenever the student wants them (unless perhaps there is a special room, with very few people in it at any time, where a student might go)—the image of students taking their masks off in the classroom for a ‘break’ at any time is counter to the whole idea of wearing the masks. But some admin are saying students can take ‘mask breaks’ and it seems to mean whenever the student wishes to do so. Again, help in correcting that would be great.

The fear seems to be growing—and I suspect it will continue to do so—any and all ways of helping to calm the fears—flexibility, accommodations, reassurances that safety requirements will be followed

—will hopefully help. I understand the fear—on the part of not just educators, I realize—and I will keep doing what I can to assure educators that safety measures must be in place and will be followed.

Glad to talk about all of these things and whatever else—not sure when our next meeting is?

Stay well,
Grace

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Subject: Re: draft of our presentation
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:34:08 PM

First bullet on next to last slide should say remote instruction not learning (as we discussed earlier today...)

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Daniel A. Chuhta
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Subject: draft of our presentation

Dear Team (including MSMA/MEA),

Here's the rough draft of our presentation for tomorrow. I plan to take approximately 15-20 minutes to present and then be ready for questions. In anticipation of questions, our team has compiled estimates for the cost of returning to in-person instruction, based on CDC guidelines, estimates and anecdotes regarding the loss of revenue for enterprise accounts (like the child nutrition programs), and the general impact on students, teachers, staff, and education leaders. We'll also have examples and trends to illustrate how DOE and local SAUs are using/plan to use to use CARES Act funds.

I'll have time between 11:00-1:00 to make revisions/additions.

Any suggestions/feedback on this will be appreciated – I'm grateful to know that we're all working so well as a whole public education team, and think that might be important to highlight.

- Pender

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Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 1:34:17 PM

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I could be available for a conference call tomorrow afternoon

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Subject: Re: good point re: masks
Date: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:47:02 PM

Grace - if it's helpful in the meantime - EO #49
(<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/sites/maine.gov/governor.mills/files/inline-files/An%20Order%20to%20Stay%20Safer%20at%20Home.pdf>) does define face coverings:

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You'll see that gators (with lack of ties) don't fit the definition.

~Dan

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We will definitely work on something more specific and clear, Grace! There does exist guidance on what is safe and required... We'll get that into people's hands!

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Hello, all,

Hopefully your last email of the day (wishful thinking, I'm sure)—just had a lengthy conversation with a member who is stressed to the max, but he did make a good point re: there is no 'standardized' mask being talked about for schools/students. I know that some masks are being provided, but for students (and staff) that bring in their own, maybe some further/repeated info is needed in any communications that go out re: what the masks need to be like (such as, no gaiters, etc.).

Just thought this was a good thing to raise that might help...

Anyway, hope everyone gets a break this weekend!

Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Courtney Belolan](#)
Subject: Re: help with face coverings and students
Date: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:30:20 PM

This looks really helpful, Grace! It might be something to share widely (Kelli could work on a Maine version, perhaps?)

Pender Makin
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Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:34:06 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>
Subject: help with face coverings and students

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Hello, all

Sharing the attached from Pennsylvania State EA—I couldn't recall if there was something like this that we had out there in Maine? (sorry, memory cells are depleted at this point...) but if not, something like this could help...

Stay well,
Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eking](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Courtney Belolan](#)
Subject: Re: meeting this Thursday
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 9:59:30 AM

Hi Grace,

I agree that those are extremely important topics, and we will start the meeting working on those. See you on Thursday!

Pender Makin

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Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 9:56:22 AM
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Good morning, Commissioner,

I believe we are scheduled to meet this Thursday.

If so, I'm hoping we could take some time on the agenda to discuss two things, or at least to make a plan for how to begin to address these topics:

1. There are some districts where the unified guidance that we all spent so much time on is being supplanted by guidance from Drummond and Woodsum (and this D & W guidance in several regards does not align with the unified guidance); this is causing some real issues in those districts.
2. We want to work together on areas where there are problems (other than, or in addition to, issues with 1370)—how can we best begin to do so, and work together to promote improved school climate and culture? Finding ways we can all address this benefits everyone—especially students.

Thank you for considering this.

Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Re: next steps?
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:00:27 PM

Grace, I love this idea-and, insects, we had begun working on plans to do a video for families and caregivers and students to let them know the steps that we are taking and how carefully we are considering medical science and CDC recommendations and how we recognize they all may have plenty of questions remaining and that we are seeking answers to those... ending with: your public schools will be here for you no matter what, and we are doing all we can to be prepared to provide you with a world class education! (Or something to that effect)....

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:43:06 AM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: next steps?

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Good morning,

Just wondering what the next steps are and what the timeline might be for the task force on reopening schools—I know a lot of input was gathered yesterday, which was great, so likely some time is needed to incorporate the ideas into the framework, but of course districts are moving forward with plans already.

Also, hearing more and more that parents may (understandably) be reluctant to send their children to schools for in-person instruction, and knowing that we will all be working to make remote instruction the best it can be so when/if it's needed it won't be implemented in emergency mode, I'm wondering if there might be a PR campaign about 'back to school' (whether in-person, remote, hybrid, whatever shape(s) this takes)—something that helps to reassure parents and students that we are ready for this and welcomes people back and encourages them to 'attend'. Just a thought.

Looking forward to the next steps.

Grace

P.S. A belated 'Happy Birthday', Commissioner!

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Herman, Mary](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#); [Holmes, Jaci](#)
Subject: Re: presentation of survey findings?
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:18:50 PM

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No worries. I did get a call from Chelsea today but did not have a chance to respond. I will send around a doodle to find a time that works for everybody tomorrow morning.

Best
Jk

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From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:17:33 PM
To: Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Cc: Herman, Mary <Mary.Herman@maine.gov>; Fortin, Chelsey A <Chelsey.A.Fortin@maine.gov>; Kusiak, Karen <Karen.Kusiak@maine.gov>; Holmes, Jaci <Jaci.Holmes@maine.gov>
Subject: presentation of survey findings?

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Hi John, Grace, and Paula,

The team copied here is hoping to schedule time with you to learn about the findings from your two surveys. I think Chelsey has already reached out? At any rate – please let them know when a good opportunity might be. I apologize for being underwater these days and unable to attend, but will certainly get the highlights from our team.

Thanks!

From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [steve bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: Re: quarantined employee going into school
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:24:04 AM

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Hi Grace—I'll reach out to Shawn.

From: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 11:20 AM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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Not sure who might best reach out to SAD 75. This is exactly the concern we have raised due to the most recent 'exception' made for essential workers who would otherwise be quarantining for fourteen days—it just makes no sense that the person goes into work until the fourteen days are up.

Additionally, it seems that the 'handbook' that Drummond Woodsum has shared with districts (I haven't seen it) says someone should quarantine for ten days rather than what the CDC says (fourteen). Could this be corrected if that is the case?

Thank you,
Grace

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [steve bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: Re: quarantined employee going into school
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:38:22 AM

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Hi Grace, just spoke with Shawn and he knew nothing about it. He would like to know which school so he can track this down. He is very concerned that this may have happened.

Thanks!

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Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 11:20 AM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, "Makin, Pender" <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Cc: [Eking](#); [steve bailey](#)
Subject: Re: questions--for tomorrow a.m. or whenever
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:32:07 AM

Thanks for sending these , Grace! We will have answers by tonight's meeting...

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:02:03 PM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>;
Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Cc: Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>
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Hopefully none of you are reading this now—tomorrow during the meeting or even later on is fine—I just don't want to forget to ask/relay these:

1—We're hearing that some districts have not begun to work on plans—I am not sure if the members saying this just aren't aware/in the loop, or if they really haven't begun to work on return to school plans in some places; is there a deadline of any sort for reopen plans or remote instruction plans?

2—one of the teachers working on the lessons/units for the fall thought there could be a little more clarity around how/when people will be paid—she was fine with doing the work but I guess others she knew were asking

3—there are concerns about access to buildings after hours by parent booster groups, other community groups, etc.—meetings of these groups are not always planned—community members have keys to buildings sometimes—maybe some message re: cleaning after such groups are in buildings (maybe it's already happening or planned for)

4—all sorts of issues around face masks and other safety measures/distancing—people not complying, people who are complying feeling stigmatized (we're working on this, too, of course).

See you in the morning—
Grace

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From: [Andrew Dolloff](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Jill Adams \(jadams@madsec.org\)](#); [Eileen King \(eking@msmaweb.com\)](#); [Holly Couturier \(HCouturier@MPA.cc\)](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Re: requesting your thoughts on this embargoed draft guidance
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:43:20 AM
Attachments: [Summer School Guidance.Dolloff Edits.docx](#)

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Good morning-

Thanks for the opportunity to review - I've added some suggestions and put them in red font (sorry - it just shows up better).

Thanks for doing this-

Andrew

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Thanks for taking the time for this – and thank you for all you do on behalf of Maine's students,

Pender

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Andrew R. Dolloff, Ph.D.
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To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Jill Adams \(jadams@madsec.org\)](#); [Eileen King \(eking@msmaweb.com\)](#); [Holly Couturier \(HCouturier@MPA.cc\)](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: Re: requesting your thoughts on this embargoed draft guidance
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:00:35 PM

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I do like the protocols and structure to these items.

Reduce movement and follow in the building seems to work.

What about bathroom cleaning?

No parents in the building could be challenging but necessary.

Circle marking for 6ft distance seem to work better than tape.

Nice work

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

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Pender

<Summer School Guidance (nurses' recommendations with partial edit).docx>

From: [Rick Colpitts](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Jill Adams \(jadams@madsec.org\)](#); [Eileen King \(eking@msmaweb.com\)](#); [Holly Couturier \(HCouturier@MPA.cc\)](#); [Grace Leavitt](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
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Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:32:17 PM

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Hi Pender,

Thanks so much for sharing this document ahead of its release. I appreciate the opportunity provided to give feedback from a perspective outside of nursing.

I appreciate the thoroughness of the document and the situational analysis provided.

I do worry that the procedures may have the following impact:

-It will require us to focus on summer services for students who are more adept at social distancing. Students in grades Prek-4 are less likely to be able to self regulate and maintain the social distancing that is necessary to meet the standards outlined. Our district typically provides an early K summer program (prek students heading to K in the fall), title I summer programs for students in grades 1-4 and a middle and high school program for credit recovery. We would not feel comfortable providing services Prek-4 with these regulations.

-The regulations make it impossible for us to provide EYS for our neediest students with physical, health and sever learning disabilities and the option of remote learning does nothing to advance their learning. The staffing ratios required for each child under normal conditions (often 2 to one) would limit any services to just two students per classroom with significant body contact for support. This provides a more restrictive learning environment than would be normally acceptable.

- Transportation will be cost prohibitive - The bus standards would limit our buses with a 65 seat capacity to 10 -12 students. Our district is spread out and students rely on school transportation to participate in programs offered. It would require 5 buses operating under the proposed regulations to convey one bus load of students under the former model.

-The requirement for fulltime presence of guidance and nursing are appropriate but not sustainable in a district with 10 schools. If we consolidate schools it could exceed the maximum of 50 persons allowed to congregate. I think the opportunity for access to guidance or social services on an as needed basis could be a recommendation.

-Training expectations need to be outlined for staff (nurses, guidance, custodial, teachers. food service) and added to overall cost of the summer program.

- the regulations don't appear to address outdoor education opportunities - farm or outdoor camp based senarios where application of learning can occur outside of the traditional classroom.

Overall, the regulations as written will likely end our summer learning opportunities. I

understand the need for social distancing and these regulations give pause to ideas of providing any summer learning.

Finally, I wonder if there is a parallel expectation that differs between DHHS and DOE guidelines. I don't know if it is true, but I have heard from daycare providers that expectation given to them are not as tight as those provided in this draft. Perhaps comparing the two departments' expectation would help to hone in on something more manageable for schools.

Thanks again for trusting us to provide feedback prior to the release. I don't have the solutions and still mourn what we have lost. I appreciate all you and the department are doing to provide advice in a timely manner.

Rick

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Subject: Re: some recent concerns
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:36:37 AM

Sorry for the delayed response, Grace!

I have been pointing out that, while a P is correct in their assertion that school is typically the safest and healthiest place for students to be, it is clear that their guidance was written by doctors and not educators. Such language as "... simply space desks 6 feet apart..." indicates a lack of understanding about the intricate logistical complexities that schools and educators face. At DOE, we remain committed to a goal of returning to in person instruction as soon as it is safe and practicable to do so. We are still awaiting information from our health officials regarding community risk in each region, but expect to have something in place before the end of this week. Once we have that information, we will be able to match relative community health risk levels with the necessary safeguards. At that point, schools can begin to assess their capacities and needs, and we can then begin to support those needs.

I do hope that we will have more definitive guidance to share with everyone in the very near future.

Pender Makin

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:06:06 PM

To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhata, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhata@maine.gov>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eking <Eking@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>; Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>

Subject: some recent concerns

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share with you all a couple of recent concerns. The first concern is regarding one of the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee that states, *"Developing, supporting, and implementing plans to safely return to in-person instruction in the fall should be the state's top economic redevelopment priority. The Governor needs to state this clearly to the Maine public - signaling this as her top priority, publicly endorse the reopening guidelines developed by the DOE and education stakeholders, and publicly commit funds to help schools safely meet this ambitious target."*

The concern is that, at least to some, the focus will be more on reopening and not enough on the essential word, "safely". MEA is sending a letter as a follow-up to the Committee's meeting last Friday in order to try emphasize what is needed for schools to reopen safely. Our priority is and must be safety. It is of particular concern when we see what is happening in other states as some

businesses have reopened, and there is a push in other places to reopen schools as well. I am attaching a copy of the letter we are sending to the Committee.

We are also sending our members what MEA has compiled as what needs to be in place for schools to reopen safely. The letter to the Committee has a link to this document so that Committee members hopefully see clearly what the needs are.

Another concern is that this guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>) may be causing some districts that were planning staggered schedules or hybrid plans for reopening to reconsider those plans and instead revert to full in-person reopening due to the concerns regarding students' social/emotional health as well as physical well-being when they are not back in schools. Of course we share those concerns, too, but need to somehow address those issues while also keeping the primary focus on safety for both students and staff. I hope we can find a way to work together to address these issues if schools, as we likely all are anticipating at this point, do need to stagger schedules and have remote instruction for some or all students.

I look forward to continuing to work together to be sure we are doing what we can to begin the school year safely for students and staff.

Grace

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From: [Eileen King](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: Re: teacher in Lewiston
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:10:08 PM

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Hi—I am clarifying the contact against what Pender has provided below.
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Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:52 PM
To: "Leavitt, Grace [ME]" <gleavitt@maineea.org>, Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>, "daniel.chuhta@maine.gov" <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>, Steven Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>, Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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According to Maine DHHS/CDC/public health experts, “close contact” for COVID tracing is when a person is within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes.

In order to help schools to not have to chart the intricate choreography throughout a school day, they said they’d pull all students/staff who are in the same room for longer than 15 minutes with an infected person under that umbrella. Widening the net in this way was perceived as being helpful to simplify the process – and they realize that it will ultimately end up labeling more people as “close contacts” than would typically be the case...

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Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; steve bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Holly Couturier <hcouturier@MPA.cc>
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A thought—if the teacher/staff person was in the classroom, even if they were not in close proximity, isn’t that defined as ‘close contact’? I think I recall that being explained at one of our meetings. That may need clarifying.

From: Eileen King <EKing@msmaweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:42 PM
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Hi—When the teacher became aware that a student had tested positive yesterday, she left school. Lewiston has an agreement with a health provide for teachers to get a rapid test. The test has come back negative yesterday which is why the teacher returned today. The teacher will be remote for the rest of the week, as her students are all quarantined as well.

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Thank you for clarifying—that was what I recalled having been said—perhaps a clarification with administrators would help with this situation and prevent others that may occur? I've relayed this back to our staff, too.

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A thought—if the teacher/staff person was in the classroom, even if they were not in close proximity, isn't that defined as 'close contact'? I think I recall that being explained at one of our meetings. That may need clarifying.

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Subject: Re: time to meet?
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:19:34 PM

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Yes, i can meet at 2:30

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On Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 12:29 PM Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org> wrote:

I can meet at 2:30.

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From: Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>
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Yes I can meet at 2:30. Jill



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Cc: Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Walker, Rob [ME] <RWalker@maineea.org>; Kosinski, John [ME] <JKosinski@maineea.org>

Subject: Re: time to meet?

Are others able to meet at 2:30 today?

Pender Makin

Pronouns: she,her,hers

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 12:20:02 PM

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Subject: RE: time to meet?

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I'm free after 2:30.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 12:18 PM

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I agree we should meet asap ... Does anyone have time today at 1:30?

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Good morning,

We are hearing from more and more educators that it does not seem to be completely clear in all districts that the safety requirements in the Framework are indeed requirements.

Of even more concern is the wording in the red/yellow/green chart that says ‘should’ which is having some district leaders say/think that if their county is designated as ‘yellow’, they could still decide to be ‘green’ if they find that their town is ‘safer’. My understanding from what Dr. Shah et al stated at the press conference was that that was not the case—that the local district/town could not ‘change’ their designation (unless they were designated ‘green’ or ‘yellow’ and did not have things ready for that and so would determine they needed to remain ‘red/remote’ until they had things in place).

I am concerned that we don’t have a meeting before the Friday announcement of levels for the counties.

In fact, as the start of the school year draws nearer, I suggest it would be wise to meet more frequently again.

Another concern that is growing is the need for childcare for educators—both for younger children (could districts be encouraged to try to provide that on site? Using some of the additional funds? A couple do already, I believe) but also for school-age children when the

educator has one schedule in a district and their children have another (some superintendents are providing flexibility around that, allowing the educator's children to attend in the same district—could more be encouraged to do so?).

The fear among educators, even with safety measures in place, is also growing. There is a lack of confidence that the measures can/will be enforced, and also just fear for their well-being even if they can be.

I am hearing from more members that they are very seriously considering leaving their positions.

If we could meet before Friday, that would be ideal, though I know that would be difficult at this point. If even a few of us could touch base beforehand, that would help.

I did just see the message that went out to superintendents, but the above concerns remain even with that message out there.

I hope we can touch base soon.

Stay well,

Grace

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From: [Steve Bailey](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: Re: update
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:38:09 PM

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Thanks for the follow up Grace and also for the questions - more to consider. See you in the morning.
Steve

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 6:18:45 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Steve Bailey <SBailey@msmaweb.com>
Subject: update

So, the latest is that there was confusion between a student who tested positive the other day (whose two siblings are now also quarantining) and another student (same school) with major symptoms (sent home) and his/her sibling with minor symptoms, also sent home—it is the parent of these latter two who is not getting the kids tested, but now I'm told it is not verified if the parent is refusing to do so but it is suspected that is the case.

Steve reported earlier (thank you again, Steve!) that the superintendent was not aware of this last situation (the students with symptoms)—even if nothing can be done to see that presumptive positive cases are tested to determine whether they are positive or not, I'm hoping that communication within a district can be clear (as well as communication to me from our local members, I realize) but in a large district like Lewiston it is especially challenging.

And although there is a balance between setting off needless panic/worry, should there be another layer of notification about or another way of dealing with presumptive cases?

See you tomorrow morning.

Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: ventilation--topic for tomorrow's meeting?
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:47:53 PM

Hi Grace - I apologize for not following up earlier (so swamped) - I did get your message on this and sent a query to the epidemiologist team on MERV(?). I haven't heard back but will try to have answers tomorrow.

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 5:50:07 PM
To: Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>; Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: ventilation--topic for tomorrow's meeting?

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If there is any information to help with specifics about ventilation systems, that would be extremely helpful. People are asking what air exchange rates should be, what MERV ratings should be (ASHRAE says minimum of 13; school admin are saying 8 is sufficient), and anything else specific (other than there should be 'adequate ventilation' and keep windows open (it is already feeling like autumn,,,)) and use fans to blow out of windows... that would be so helpful!

I am hearing about concerns on ventilation (lack thereof) in a variety of places...

Thank you—

Grace

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From: [Steve Bailey](#)
To: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Eileen King](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Shelly Mogul](#); [Matt Haney \(mhaney@mdirss.org\)](#)
Subject: Re: webinar and clarification on special education paperwork
Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 6:39:25 PM

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Thank you Jill!

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Subject: RE: webinar and clarification on special education paperwork

Thanks for sharing Jill!

From: Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Chuhta, Daniel <Daniel.Chuhta@maine.gov>; Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; Holly Couturier <HCouturier@MPA.cc>; Steve Bailey <sbailey@msmaweb.com>; Eileen King (EKing@msmaweb.com) <EKing@msmaweb.com>; Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>; Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>; Courtney Belolan <courtney@mainecla.org>; Shelly Mogul <smogul@auburnschl.edu>; Matt Haney (mhaney@mdirss.org) <mhaney@mdirss.org>; Deveaux, Kelli <Kelli.Deveaux@maine.gov>
Subject: webinar and clarification on special education paperwork

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Hello all,

This last webinar on May 1st, from the Council of Exceptional Children and the Council of Administrators of Special Education, titled Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis: Considerations for Special Education Administrators, was quite informative about ESY(Extended School Year Services for Special Education) as well as documentation that special education teachers and administrators need to be keeping through-out this COVID 19 timeframe This documentation is going to be extremely important once reopening resumes or even if it does not resume. This will be used to document contacts that were made with parents and children and what

services children have received, how often and when, and what impact that service or lack of service has had on individual children in relationship to their IEP goals and access to the general curriculum. Progress notes are going to be extremely important. Even if parents choose to not access services special education personnel should to continue check ins with the parent to see if they have changed their mind. We must stand ready to serve the students. Schools are still having IEP meetings, virtually or by phone, as required by law or requested by parents. These IEP meetings must be followed up with a written notice. If a school refuses to have an IEP meeting there must also be a written notice to parents. All of this is a lot of paperwork for special education teachers and educational technicians but it is required and actually is the same requirement as if we were in brick and mortar school session. The U.S. Secretary of Education's report to Congress did not allow any of the flexibilities to IDEA, such as timelines, that we had hoped for. The CEC and CASE are still attempting to work with the US Congress to get some targeted flexibility. The only way flexibility can occur is by the US Congress.

Here is the link to the webinar: <https://cec.sped.org/COVID19forAdministrators>

See you all 4:00. Jill



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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:03 PM

To: Jill Adams <JAdams@MADSEC.org>

Subject: Webinar follow-up: COVID-19 Considerations, May 1 Webinar





Thanks for joining us for today's webinar. We apologize for any technical issues with the platform during the presentation.

You can access a recording of the webinar as well as the presentation slides here:

<https://cec.sped.org/COVID19forAdministrators>

You can find more resources from CASE, including recordings of all the past webinars, at www.casecec.org/COVID-19

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below on future topics you'd like more guidance on in future webinars.

Thank you for your commitment to your staff and students, and your leadership during these unprecedented times!

Please send your questions, comments and feedback to: profdev@cec.sped.org.

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To: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Re: will there be a conference call today?
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:09:57 AM

I have heard that Eileen will be unavailable this evening Dallas, so perhaps we can try for this tomorrow? I definitely hope we can all get together either in person or by phone soon.

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From: Leavitt, Grace [ME] <gleavitt@maineea.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:07:45 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: Voelker, Paula [ME] <pvoelker@maineea.org>
Subject: will there be a conference call today?

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I am available at any point needed—and am not pushing for a call—I am sure you could use a break!-
-but a joint statement from DOE/MEA/MSMA/MPA/MADSEC/MCLA would be a good thing if possible.

Just let us know when you can, or if you need me to do something.
And meanwhile, I hope you are doing OK and hanging in there!

Grace

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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Reiche
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:46:51 PM

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Good evening, Commissioner,

I'm sorry to send this at this time, but the last I heard about Reiche was that you and the Portland Superintendent had communicated, yet I have not heard that the teachers know what is happening and I believe students will be there tomorrow (and even small groups were in last week). Maybe they have now heard and I just wasn't told and all is well (I hope that is the case)—in which case I apologize for adding to your emails.

But if you can shed any light on this, and what schools with similar 'open concept' situations might be doing/need to do, that would be helpful.

Thank you!

Grace

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Valliere, Georgette](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Reminder -- Wed webinar
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:43:46 PM

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Commissioner –

We have not had a chance to speak about this recently but I wanted to remind you the MEA has scheduled a webinar with members to discussion Fall reopening of schools.

We have scheduled this for 7pm this Wednesday (June 17th).

I am working on an agend and will have that for you tomorrow. Currently, we have nearly 900 educators registered to attend. We have a limit of 1000 with our zoom account, but we will record this and share with members that are unable to attend or if we meet our 1000 participant threshold.

You will be getting a specific link from MEA Webconference. This is a panelist link and is different from other links. Lee Pullen, our IT director at MEA, can help you if you have any questions.

I will suggest Lee send the panelist link to you and Kelli unless you tell me otherwise.

Thanks for all you do and we are looking forward to this event on Wednesday at 7pm.

Best,
JK

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Remote Learning Data, Surveys
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 10:05:33 AM

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Hi Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli –

The MEA has conducted two polls of members with national pollsters to better understand the reaction of teachers and support staff to remote learning, among other COVID related matters. We have one poll from April that involved nearly 1400 MEA members and another poll of educators from early May that included nearly 1700 Maine educators.

We are happy to share the major findings of this research with you if you are interested and willing. We wonder if the responses can help inform the remote learning standards that are being developed.

If you are interested in a briefing, please let me know and we can try to set something up for a time that is convenient for you.

Best,
John Kosinski
M: 207.458.1312

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Nichols, Page](#); [Lambert, Beth](#); [Heather Whitaker](#)
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Subject: Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:51:54 AM
Attachments: [Remote Learning Townhall Agenda DRAFT.docx](#)

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Dear Friends –

Attached is a DRAFT agenda for tonight's webinar with educators about Remote Learning and the Digital Divide during the COVID 19 pandemic. Please let me know if you have any comments, edits or suggestions.

Again, we really appreciate you agreeing to take part in this event. So far, we have about 400 educators signed up to attend the webinar, and we are sending another email to educators and expect even more.

Reminder, you should have received a panelist invite from Lee Pullen. Please log on at 6:45pm to run through the agenda one more time together, and to make sure everyone is comfortable with the format and technology. You will receive a reminder with the panelist link one hour before the event. If you have any questions, please reach out. My cell again is 207.458.1312.

I am looking forward to this webinar tonight and I hope you are too.

Best,
John Kosinski
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Article from Learning Policy Institute on the reopening of schools in other countries that have been successful. It includes a table of health and safety practices. Jill



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Subject: SAD #30 needs clarification
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:14:26 AM

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Good morning—another one I hope you can help with!

I got this (below) this morning from a member in SAD #30—We have clarified it with the members who have attempted to address it, but admin and board need to be corrected on their misunderstanding (as well as on the lack of safety with plexiglass on desks...)

“Tonight I heard Mr. Braun say, and the Board accept, that the students can have their masks off when 3' apart because of the plexiglass on the tables. This includes when eating. Masks off at 3' with plexiglass is acceptable even though the plexiglass only comes to the edge of the tables, and not out past where the students are sitting in their chairs which means their faces are 3' apart without any barriers. Is this really OK? Is this really what DOE/CDC intend?”

Thank you for helping to address this one, too!

Grace

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Frazier, Erin](#)
Cc: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Allen, Dan \[ME\]](#); [Bechard, Giovanna \[ME\]](#); [Pullen, Lee \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Special Education and the COVID 19 Pandemic
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:50:21 AM
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Hi Erin –

Thank you again for agreeing to appear on the webinar tonight to discuss special education during the COVID 19 pandemic. Thus far, we have about 500 registered to attend. We hosted a webinar with the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Page and Beth last night regarding remote learning and we had 250 join us. It was excellent! We expect a strong turnout tonight too.

Attached is a proposed agenda and format. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We have found in the past webinars that we get similar questions, again and again, even if the question may have already been covered earlier. We feel repetition is good, so you may see questions that you intend to cover, but we hope it is OK if Grace may ask some of these questions again during the webinar just to help reiterate the key concepts and responses.

Erin, do you intend to have a presentation? Do you want/need to screen share? We can easily do this but having your presentation in advance would help us prepare but no worries if you can't get to it.

Also, you have a ton of resources on your page. If there are any you want us to have at the ready for the chat and to share with participants, just let us know.

Lastly, you should have received a panelist invite for this webinar from Zoom. They will send another email an hour before the webinar begins. **Please be sure to join us at 6:45pm so we can run through last minute items using the panelist link.**

Thank you again and please reach out with any questions.

Best,
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Cc: [All DOE](#)
Subject: Special message to seniors
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:56:32 AM

Good morning!

I have asked the superintendents and MPA to help us get the letter that is linked inside this message to high school seniors.

FYI

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Best,

Kelli

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Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 11:35:58 AM

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Hello all,

This webinar occurred yesterday. CASE, the Council for Administrators of Special Education is our national association. On the webinar the US Office of Special Education Director reviews the Q and A from OSERS on students with disabilities and also answers questions from the Special education field across the country. I would suggest sharing with anyone you think this would be helpful for. I have sent it to all of our MADSEC members. I think it was well done considering the information we have available at this time. Take Care Everyone!! Jill



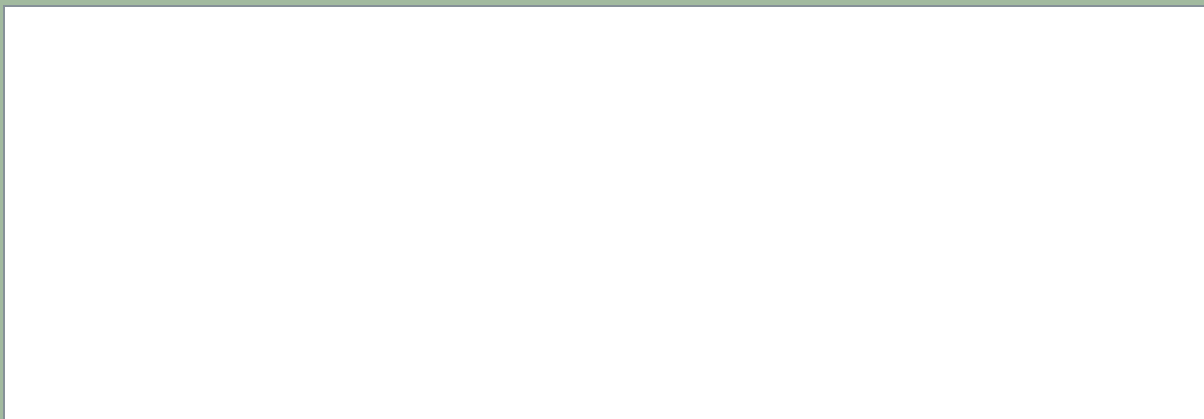
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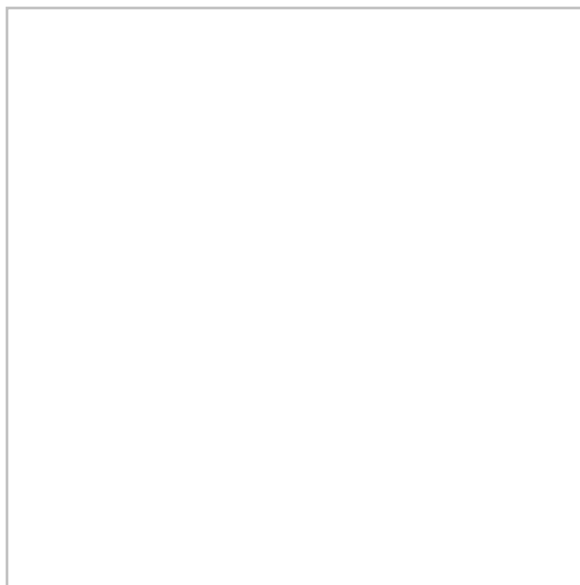
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Dear CASE Members,

Please accept our sincere apologies to those of you who were not able to join us on today's webinar regarding COVID-19 due to space limitations.

CASE will continue to monitor information that is being disseminated regarding COVID-19 and will update our resource [document](#). Be sure and save this link and review periodically.

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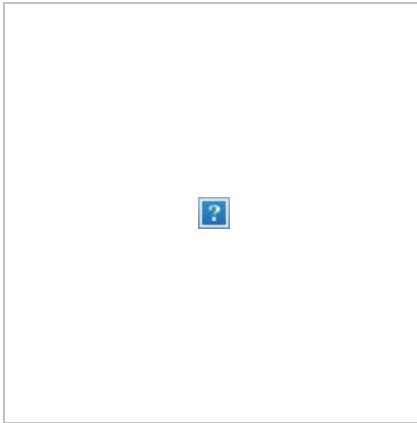


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Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 9:47:24 PM

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli,

I had a chat with the Commissioner tonight and we discussed a growing concern where teachers are being told they need to report to their buildings for prof development. This is causing new questions among teachers regarding essential work during this time.

We were planning to send a message to members as you see below. We wanted to see if you had any concerns. Some teachers are concerned about groups being too large. Others may have other health issues which cause them concern about returning.

Our hope is most districts would utilize virtual meetings for prof dev unless they absolutely need to meet in person. Hope you agree.

We are not in a huge hurry to send this out so I totally understand if you need more time. But wanted to give you the chance to review this in case you have any concerns.

Thanks for your time!

Best
Jk

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Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:29:20 PM

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Hello all,

First, I would like to say we definitely need guidance to resume school whether it is Summer or Fall for the safety of children and staff. Most of the children have been at home with family so they have not necessarily had to practice distancing or wear masks so this will be a new skill that will need to be taught in the school environment. I believe that parents will also need to be very aware of the guidance and rules that schools are going to be using to keep their children safe. There will need to be a community based understanding. Everyone in the school community will need training. These safety guidelines may also be ever changing, which will also be difficult.

When it comes to special education we are a little stressed due to the fact that we have a requirement to provide Extended School Year Services for a child if it is in their IEP as determined by the IEP team. Therefore special education will need to provide those services and related services this summer. How, exactly when, and where they will be provided is the question for us? I do not believe there are any other summer services that are required by law to be provided. Although certainly many children would benefit if we could provide services.

Just for clarification.

Extended School Year Services is not summer school programming. Here is the definition from Chapter 101 the Maine Special Education Regulations:

Extended School Year Services: Extended school year (ESY) means special education and related services that are provided to a child age three to twenty with a disability beyond the normal school year *in any SAU or special purpose program*; provided in accordance with the child's IEP at no cost to the parents and they meet the standards *set forth in this rule*. ESY services must be provided only if a child's IEP Team determines, on an individual basis, in accordance with §§300.320 through 300.324 *and IX.3 of this rule*, that the services are necessary for the provision of FAPE to the child. In implementing the requirements of this section, SAUs may not limit extended school year (ESY) services to particular categories of disability, or unilaterally limit the type, amount, or duration of those services. [34 CFR 300.106]

The need for the particular services is demonstrated by means of:

- (a) A review by the child's IEP Team of relevant information including, but not limited to, progress reports and relevant assessments, parent report, observations or documentation;*
- (b) Consideration by the child's IEP Team of the significance of the child's disability, progress toward IEP goals; and*
- (c) Consideration of the impact of previous service interruptions, if applicable, and the probability that the child is unable to recoup, in a reasonable amount of time, skills*

previously mastered.

If a child is to receive ESY, it is a decision that is made by the IEP team and is written on the IEP, which makes it a requirement that the school provide the service. Usually ESY occurs in the summer but there are children that also require ESY during other school breaks, such as winter or spring break. This is all determined individually.

When looking at the Proposed Guidance for Summer Programming, it appears that this would be more on a choice basis, as if you were providing a summer program for reading and math for all children. For Special Education children this guidance would be a requirement to provide ESY services to children with an IEP but in some cases it may need to be even more directed. For some of the children with ESY these safety guidelines would work. I think that for other children, according to their needs there would almost need to be individual safety plans and more intensive training for staff. There will be children with extreme sensory issues that may not be able to wear masks of any type although one of the goals we may need to now have in an IEP, is to wear a mask but it will take time. The 6 foot distance will be a problem for children that need to be toileted or feed. 6 foot distance may be a problem if we have bolter. Staff for these children may need increased PPE, such as plastic masks, gloves and full covering. If any of this requires Fit Testing for staff we will need to get that sooner than later. There may also be a need for increased staffing if we need to have smaller groupings to be safe or individual services. It will be necessary to look closely at the safety of programs for our medically fragile children. Transportation is always difficult but the Covid 19 situation is going to increase that difficulty. Transportation folks will need to be trained. Some children need to be in car harnesses which means getting closer than 6 feet. There will also need to be increased cleaning as many times that is somewhat less during ESY. Not all ESY programming has had a nurse on site or on call in the past. All of these will create additional costs for a district. So funding will need to be looked at.

This is very daunting for special education administrators right now but many of them are working at putting together an “ESY program” which I am sure look very different then it has in the past. I know that many are trying to use some remote and some in person. Staffing is also a concern this year. With many of our children adequate staffing is a necessity. There is pressure from parents to have their children back in school. We need to make sure we make the decisions based on safety for children and staff first.



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FYI~ I cannot be on Sunday's call. I'll be in the Greenville area with very little cell coverage. Text me if you know of any topics that will be covered if any come in.

Thanks!

Holly



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Subject: Thank you!
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:29:24 PM

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Thank you all for yet another webinar and helping to address the ongoing concerns of educators. These are some incredibly long days for you all, I know. Your hard work is so very appreciated!

Take care—see you in the morning!

Grace

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Wow! That was a wonderful town hall. Thank you so much for your time, energy and thoughtful responses to questions from the educators on the call. I have no doubt those who listened felt reassured by the support from all of you.

We're very grateful for our partnership and the ability to collaborate.

Have a good night!

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Subject: Thank you!
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Eileen and Holly,

Just want you to know all is well with the teacher in MSAD 75—she is back in quarantine, the principal apologized for the misunderstanding, and the teacher feels for the administrators who have been figuring all of this out—

Thank you for your help!

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Observation 2:

This is less important, but is also time sensitive. In our work in reviewing the EPS components we are right now developing our review plans for transportation and CTE. These are two areas that are dramatically impacted by school shutdowns. In our planning conversations with the finance team, we have been asking some big-picture questions like "what IS the responsibility of the school district to provide transportation" and have just started identifying out-of-the box transportation models in other states or in the private sector. I don't yet have anything useful to share on that front, but I AM far enough along to note that 1) the issue of transportation is playing an outsize role in districts' back-to-school planning, and 2) the statutory requirements for transportation are actually quite minimal. As a result, I believe that districts are artificially constrained in what they think can be done because they are limiting the possibilities to ones where they have the same transportation services as in the past. They may be letting the tail wag the dog. Other transportation models / ideas that I encountered in our (limited) searches so far for the EPS component review:

- increase the radius for having parents provide transportation
- adopt a hub-and-spoke model to transport kids from fewer sites, so that more bus runs could be made. Emphasize transport to/from child care centers in these plans. (And perhaps incorporate those child care centers into the thinking about who gets assigned to each small, stable cohort).
- pay parents (per mile?) to transport kids
- have parents petition for transportation to be provided, rather than presume school will transport by default. Give extra consideration for kids with special needs and kids whose home situation makes transportation extra difficult (i.e. poverty, lack of vehicle, parent work-from-home schedules).
- structure school schedules so that the beginning and end of the day are more flexible activities, allowing students to arrive and depart in shifts.

(Some, maybe all of these suggestions would require suspension of MDOE rules. I believe that can be done by executive order since the statute is vague.)

Similar constraint issue for CTE -- schools near me (Cumberland county) seem to be putting a lot of effort to coordinate their plans with the other CTE sending schools in their regions so as not to disturb the ability to collaborate on sharing CTE programming. In general I don't have a problem with that. But perhaps CTE should be a driving consideration, and perhaps not. The question should be asked and answered rather than automatically incorporating that constraint at the front end of the planning. I don't know WHO should ask and answer that question though.

Thanks for the read. If I can be of assistance I'm happy to do so, but my intent is only to put these thoughts out there for consideration.

Best,
Amy

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people are at peak contagion just AS, or even before, they show symptoms. Is this well-established at this point? And if so, does that lead to implications for staggering teacher contact between groups? Or is there just too much variation?

Observation 2:

This is less important, but is also time sensitive. In our work in reviewing the EPS components we are right now developing our review plans for transportation and CTE. These are two areas that are dramatically impacted by school shutdowns. In our planning conversations with the finance team, we have been asking some big-picture questions like "what IS the responsibility of the school district to provide transportation" and have just started identifying out-of-the box transportation models in other states or in the private sector. I don't yet have anything useful to share on that front, but I AM far enough along to note that 1) the issue of transportation is playing an outsize role in districts' back-to-school planning, and 2) the statutory requirements for transportation are actually quite minimal. As a result, I believe that districts are artificially constrained in what they think can be done because they are limiting the possibilities to ones where they have the same transportation services as in the past. They may be letting the tail wag the dog. Other transportation models / ideas that I encountered in our (limited) searches so far for the EPS component review:

- increase the radius for having parents provide transportation
- adopt a hub-and-spoke model to transport kids from fewer sites, so that more bus runs could be made. Emphasize transport to/from child care centers in these plans. (And perhaps incorporate those child care centers into the thinking about who gets assigned to each small, stable cohort).
- pay parents (per mile?) to transport kids
- have parents petition for transportation to be provided, rather than presume school will transport by default. Give extra consideration for kids with special needs and kids whose home situation makes transportation extra difficult (i.e. poverty, lack of vehicle, parent work-from-home schedules).
- structure school schedules so that the beginning and end of the day are more flexible activities, allowing students to arrive and depart in shifts.

(SOME, maybe all of these suggestions would require suspension of MDOE rules. I believe that can be done by executive order since the statute is vague.)

Similar constraint issue for CTE -- schools near me (Cumberland county) seem to be putting a lot of effort to coordinate their plans with the other CTE sending schools in their regions so as not to disturb the ability to collaborate on sharing CTE programming. In general I don't have a problem with that. But perhaps CTE should be a driving consideration, and perhaps not. The question should be asked and answered rather than automatically incorporating that constraint at the front end of the planning. I don't know WHO should ask and answer that question though.

Thanks for the read. If I can be of assistance I'm happy to do so, but my intent is only to put these thoughts out there for consideration.

Best,
Amy

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From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
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Subject: Topics for Additional DOE Web Mtgs
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:53:02 AM
Attachments: [Topics for Additional DOE Web Mtgs.docx](#)

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Dear Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Kelli –

Thanks again for taking the time to “meet” with educators during the video townhall last Thursday. We had nearly 650 educators join and many stayed on for the entire hour. It was a huge success.

The MEA is very interested in continuing this partnership with the DOE, if you are willing and able.

Attached and below are three additional video townhalls that we would like to work with DOE if you and the staff are willing and able. We feel the topic of special education continues to pop up and any guidance we can give to educators would be warmly welcomed.

If staff from the DOE were willing and able to work with us on this, we would love to see if we might be able to schedule one or two of these for next week.

Thanks for all you do and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,

JK

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Proposal for Additional Townhalls with the Maine Department of Education

Background: The MEA and MDOE video townhall on April 2nd was a smashing success. At the high point, nearly 650 educators were watching, and nearly 600 stayed for the entire hour. We answered many of the questions from the field, and we are working to provide guidance for other questions that came through the Q and A section.

The feedback from MEA members and participants was overwhelmingly positive and we hope, in conjunction with the Dept of Ed, to offer more opportunities for MEA members and educators to get questions answered and to hear guidance as to the impact the current closure has on specific issues related to public schools.

Below are three immediate video town halls we would propose to happen over the next 2- 3 weeks if possible.

We recommend a similar format for each that looks like the following:

- I. Introductions: Grace Leavitt, MEA President, will serve as moderator and will introduce the guest and explain the format (2-3 minutes)
- II. Opening from Panelist: The DOE panelist talks about key topics in the field and best guidance from DOE on the subject (7-9 minutes)
- III. Prepared Questions: Grace asks 2-3 questions from the field that we have prepared in advance from participants and poses the question to the panelist (2-3 minutes for each

question)

- IV. Questions from Q and A: MEA staff curate questions that come in during the videoconference and either respond (if we know the answer) or pose the question to the panelist. In some cases, questions asked by multiple attendees will be flagged for a live response.
- V. Live Questions: If time allows, we may allow attendees to ask a live question and get an immediate response. The MEA staff will make sure such questions are respectful and helpful to as many individuals as possible.
- VI. Closing: At 7:55pm, Grace will thank the panelist and close the meeting with additional information about how/when to access the recording and share this information with other educators in the field.

Topic #1: Special Education and the COVID 19 Pandemic: What Educators and Parents Need to Know

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Erin Frazier, Director of Special Services

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: This hour-long town hall will attempt to answer questions in the field regarding the application of special education services during this time.

Possible questions may include:

- How should educators best address changes to a standing IEP for a student?
- How much flexibility can we expect the DOE and the US Dept of Education to grant in terms of the services for students with special education needs?
- If we are unable to provide a service called for in an IEP, how and when should schools begin to adjust those services?
- Many parents of special needs students are under increasing stress at home as well, what efforts are being made to help those parents whether this crisis?
- If a student is unable to meet the requirements called for in their IEP, what types of flexibility can we expect to make sure our students can move onto the next grade?

Topic #2: Remote Learning and Digital Divides: How Are Schools Coping with Remote Instruction

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Page Nichols, Chief Innovation Officer, Dept of Education

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: This hour-long town hall will attempt to highlight how districts are implementing remote learning. In addition to hearing from Page about the Dept's efforts to address the digital divide, perhaps we can have a presenter or two from schools that have positive remote learning experiences. Sharing best practices seems important at this juncture, especially as more educators and parents and students grapple with this transition.

Possible questions may include:

- Does the state have an assessment of how many students do not have access to the internet for school purposes? How many students do not have a reliable device to use for school purposes, and how many do not have a workable broadband connection?
- What is the state doing to help expand broadband to more families with students and to get workable devices to those that need them?
- Clearly remote learning will only exacerbate inequity among students. What is the Department doing to address the inherent inequity of remote learning?
- Educators have struggled with how to grade student work that is done remotely. Does the Dept have any guidance or best practices for analyzing student work done remotely?
- We all know there are students missing from the instructional activities we are trying to provide to students. How do we work together to address the needs of these students?
- What are some best practices for remote learning? What districts are doing this well and what are they finding is working for educators, parents and students?

Topic #3: Trauma for Educators During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Moderator: Grace Leavitt

DOE Guest: Bear Shea

Duration: 1 hour (7pm-8pm)

Background: The COVID 19 pandemic has been a traumatic for many families, and disruptive for all families. We hope this video town hall will help provide resources to educators in how to address the traumatic effects of this crisis with students, parents and their peers,

Possible questions may include:

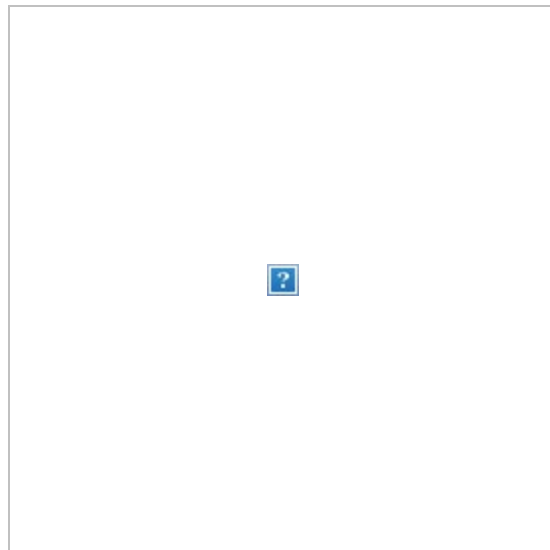
- What should we be doing to try and allay concerns from students?
- We are getting a lot of questions from parents about the rest of this school year and how students can complete the year. Is there a trauma informed approach you can recommend we consider using when talking with parents and students?
- What are some “best practices” for trauma informed education during this time?

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Subject: UR Medicine Recovery Center of Excellence Webinar: Making Space for Social Distance: Adapting Opioid Treatment Programs to COVID-19
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:15:45 PM

Good afternoon Opioid Prevention Task Force Members,

We're passing along information for a webinar by UR Medicine Recovery Center of Excellence:

"Making Space for Social Distance: Adapting Opioid Treatment Programs to COVID-19"
Thursday, April 16th at 3:30 PM



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Making Space for Social Distance: Adapting Opioid Treatment Programs to COVID-19

This pandemic has presented new challenges in the fight against opioid addiction. Join us on **Thursday, April 16th at 3:30 PM ET** to hear from Patrick Seche and Itza Morales-Torres of Strong Recovery as they discuss the steps they are taking to adapt substance use disorder (SUD) programs as quickly as possible in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

They will give an overview of new federal and state regulations and discuss changes they are implementing such as social distancing and telehealth. The Q&A period of the webinar will be an opportunity for you to share obstacles and strategies at this challenging time.

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Cc: [DOE Directors & Coordinators](#)
Subject: Update: Planning Team for Resuming Classroom-Based Instruction
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:08:14 PM

Good evening all,

In the coming weeks (and, likely, months), we will be developing plans for the safe reintegration of students and staff into group settings at school. Each day brings new information, new needs, and new timelines, therefore, we will have to maintain a stance of flexibility with respect to our roles and both the substance and form of our work. Case in point: We originally aimed for a June release of preliminary guidance, after this team and the focus groups had time to give thorough consideration to the many details that will impact the returning process. However, with the current school year ending soon, our colleagues in schools are asking for answers earlier. This request is reasonable and understandable, as many are planning now for their end-of-year preparation and professional learning activities. And, at the same time, they are redeveloping school budgets to reflect the COVID-impacted expectations!

Therefore, we intend to provide “interim guidance” with the *caveat* that it will be changing in response to new information as it becomes available and that this group (you all!) will continue to vet and evaluate best practices and examples from across the nation and internationally. We will be providing updates and information on a regular basis until we have an official guidance document.

Your input and involvement could not be more important! Here’s how we’re currently picturing our immediate actions moving forward:

1. Wed 5/20 – we will send you a draft of the guidance that incorporates “fresh” ideas from a number of focus groups
2. Fri 5/22 – submit any feedback you have on the draft by midday (more specifics when we send it tomorrow)
3. Fri 5/22 – we send the interim guidance to the field by close of business
4. Wed 5/27 – at our meeting we will break into groups and run consultancy protocols for each section of the document as well as for the document as a whole
5. First 2 weeks in June – as school/district leaders meet with staff and discuss the interim guidance, we receive feedback and clarifying questions
6. Later in June – we could send to the field any necessary updates to the interim guidance, including implications of new health information and/or feedback from our 5/27 meeting and input from the field

To be clear, the goal with this iterative work is not to keep changing the target on folks (to the extent we can prevent it!), but to continue to refine and clarify the guidance with new information.

We are very appreciative of the time and effort you have and will give us in support of educators and

students across our state! Thank you, so much, for your willingness to help.

Be well,

~Dan

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Daniel A. Chuhta

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Subject: Video conference with MEA members
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:51:54 PM

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Dear Commissioner –

I hope you are well. I tried to reach you on phone but couldn't connect but will try you again perhaps later or over the weekend. I wanted to see if you would be willing/able to participate in a video conference with MEA members. You have been a reassuring voice for educators during this crisis, that is for sure.

We are planning regular video conferences with MEA members all over the state to answer questions and hear from educators how things are going in their district. Our videoconference on Wednesday included over 250 participants.

We are hoping to start notifying members of another video conference on Wednesday and we would love if you were willing and able to take part. We can make sure the structure of the conversation is useful to you and our members.

I imagine the video conference is lead by you and Grace. I suspect there will be questions our members will have, that we can work together to answer. It would also be good to hear you talk about remote learning, special ed, and other topics that may arise. In addition, your calm, reassuring voice will hopefully allay some fears among educators.

We were tentatively planning to do this on Wed April 1st at 7pm for an hour, but Tuesday of Thursday may also work.

Let me know what you think and thank you for all you do.

Best,
Jk

From: [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Cc: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Subject: Webinar, checking in
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:31:55 AM

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Hi Commissioner and Kelli –

So we have not finalized our plan for a webinar and I wanted to loop you both in.

We would welcome the chance to host a webinar with the Commissioner and members this week. We have been getting strong turnout on Wednesday nights, including 700+ at our webinar last Wednesday on legal issues (i.e. ADA) and return to work. If the Commissioner wanted to be part of a webinar with us this week, we would need to know today to finalize. We could host a webinar either Wednesday at 7pm (preferred) or Thursday at 7pm. We would want to get information to our members by tonight and send a reminder email the day off in order to give everyone enough advance notice.

In addition to a general Q and A and preparing for return to school discussion, we would suggest we use the opportunity to gather input from educators in the field about the draft framework. Now that educators have worked on the re opening plans (hopefully cooperatively with admin and community), they may have views on tweaks to the framework. In some places in the County, we may have real world implementation since they are already back to school in a few communities.

I must say as well that we have been hearing a bit more frustration from the field. Particularly educators in York and Cumberland County are the most concerned about return to in person. We expect polls back of members and parents as well to better understand how educators and parents are feeling. But there has certainly been an expected uptick in frustration, concern and anxiety.

I hope this helps. I would love to talk more if you are able. **Please let us know if you think a webinar this week on Wednesday or Thursday will work for you.**

Best,
John Kosinski
Maine Education Association
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Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:19:36 PM
Attachments: [DOE guidance on high school graduation.docx](#)

Good afternoon!

We have some topics for discussion, and a draft of something we would like further thoughts and input on. NOT sure how many we can clip off today, but we can make a hero's effort.

Topics:

- Endorsing MPBN Launch
- Numbers of student days, teacher days
- Return to school planning
- Graduation requirements/recommendations/resources
- Grading

See everyone at 5!

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Subject: Well done!
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:02:49 PM

Great job with the Zoom session!

Proud of you all!

Karen

PS Mike and Michael, too.

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IT SAYS 1:30- WE WILL BE MOVING TIME IN ZOOM TO 2!!

Topic: Essential Staff Guidance Call

Time: Apr 2, 2020 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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for 1:00 call today.

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Importance: High

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FROM: Steve Bailey, Executive Director
Eileen King, Deputy Executive Director

DATE: August 3, 2020

RE: Implementation of COVID-19 Guidelines with Younger Children in School/Group Care Settings

A meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 5, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.** Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83388189588>

AGENDA

1:00pm - Eileen/Steve Welcome from MSMA

1:05pm - Introductions (who is on the call)

1:15pm - MaineAEYC Q&A with ECE Leaders

- MaineAEYC gives an overview of responses from a survey of child care around COVID-19 guidelines and successes/challenges with younger children
- Tara asks the Child Care Center Directors questions about their experiences with implementing mask wearing, social distancing, outdoor learning, school age child care etc., follow up questions by other folks on the call

1:40pm - Todd and Lee Anne Share and Take Questions

- OCFS and the Early Childhood Office at DOE can share about their work to support child care and schools in reopening and resources and help available, answer any further questions that come up

1:55pm - Any closing remarks or requests from MPA or MSMA, possible next steps mentioned about opportunities for districts and child care programs to partner this school year

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Sorry for the switch—I was able to set up a Zoom meeting in lieu of a Teams meeting—you should have received an invitation a minute ago for Zoom—please use that link.

Thank you!

Grace

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Subject: ?
Date: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:32:06 PM

Are there any districts that are not affiliated with MEA? (specifically, is there any a representation at Sanford?)

Thanks!

Pender Makin

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Commissioner, Maine Department of Education

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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: a couple of things
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:06:27 PM

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First, I missed a connection with a reporter on Friday after the press conference and did not want you to think that was a lack of appreciation for what was conveyed during the press conference! (and am about to meet with more reporters today).

Second, I am getting questions about face masks—I heard clearly they are required but at least some are still thinking that if 6 ft. can be maintained, they are not required. I heard clearly that the Governor, Dr. Shah, and you state these are safety requirements. That is what I have been saying to members that have raised the question. That may need some more clarity in the Framework document.

Third, a Dr. Ed Pontius reached out to our MEA Retired President who contacted me about his training retirees as volunteers to help educators deal with stress. I have a meeting with him and Kay Grindall (the MEA Retired President) late Fri. afternoon to hear more—he is heading up Maine Frontline Warmline and DHHS and health care workers—just wanted to give you a heads up about this. He may reach out to you as well.

Certainly stress levels are and will remain high—but we continue on!

Stay well,
Grace

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From: [Makin, Pender](#)
To: [Grace Leavitt](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: a time to connect by phone?
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:14:00 PM

Hi John and Grace,

I'd like to set up a time to check in with you tomorrow... would 2:15 work for a phone call or zoom?

Thanks for considering... such busy times...

-Pender

From: [Steve Bailey](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Nixon, Jessica](#); [Courtney Belolan](#); [Eileen King](#); [Holly Couturier](#); [Jill Adams](#); [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
Cc: [steve bailey](#)
Subject: additional resources
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:57:54 AM

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Hi all – at the risk of sending along more resources than anyone can use, here are two more resources from the NSBA School Safety Center. Pass them along if you think they may have value for your members. Have a great day.

Steve

COVID-19 Resource Library- Child Welfare Information Gateway (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

This page is a library of resources specific to COVID-19 and child welfare.

[Library Search Results](#)

COVID-19 (National Association of Social Workers (NASW))

Below are resources to support social workers in this preventing the spread of COVID-19 and ensure access to services Social workers are in a unique position to promote disease prevention efforts (including disseminating accurate information from trusted sources), and to help address anxiety and other concerns that are arising as a result of this public health crisis.

[National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\)](#)

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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#)
Subject: additional topic
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:02:07 AM
Attachments: [Pandemic Illness York Educational Expectations.docx](#)

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Commissioner,

I do not mean to be setting the entire agenda for our meeting on Thursday, but I just received the attached set of expectations from a member and I hope we can find some time to talk about what is reasonable for staff and students in the event of a pandemic and school closing. Several members have contacted me about increased stress and anxiety and hopefully we can help calm this together.

Thank you!

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Subject: another one...
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:57:23 AM

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Good morning,

A concern has been raised in MSAD #58 and the sense is there are other Superintendents in the Western region who share the following misinterpretation regarding face masks—that since it says in the Framework that because students must remove masks for meals, they must be six feet apart—therefore, they are misinterpreting that as long as students are six feet apart anywhere/any time they do not need to have masks on.

Whereas it says clearly in the first part that masks are required—period.

Some clarification is still needed, apparently. (It may also be that some are ‘non-maskers’, but it is also sounding like some are misinterpreting the requirements.)

Also, without any parameters around ‘mask breaks’, the concern is that students will take these whenever/wherever they care to—which could mean very frequently, not in an open area with enough space, etc. (I can envision one of my more ‘fun’ group of students deciding to all take a ‘mask break’ in class, for a length of time, and argue it is allowable, etc.—a whole other problem for teachers and ed techs for classroom management...)

Any clarification around that would certainly help also.

Thanks,
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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#)
Subject: another refusal re: masks
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 11:55:28 AM

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Hello, all,

I just received this (below) from the local association leader in Jefferson—looking for help with addressing this from your end if at all possible:

“The sticking point is one very vocal board member who refuses to recognize the requirement for masks or face coverings. <https://lcnme.com/school/jvs-to-start-year-with-full-time-in-person-instruction/> His belief is that masks are a board decision.

The community is 100% (minus one household) on board with an opening plan to require masks, but this one person is dug in and threatens the district’s ability to access CARES Act funding.”

Thank you,
Grace

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To: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: any update on timeline for testing and for mask fitting?
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:20:06 AM

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Staff has asked what the timeline is for what was talked about at our meeting last Thursday. I'm not finding anything on the DOE website/newsroom/dispatches—sorry if I'm missing it.

Thanks for any info.

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From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: any word on Reiche?
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:39:17 PM

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Hello, Commissioner,

I checked with Dan for an update and he said you had spoken with Superintendent Botana. Is there any update on Reiche (and other schools with the 'open' concept plan)?

Thank you!

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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: conference call tomorrow
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 2:24:31 PM

for a 4:00 Zoom call (Kelli will send the link to all of you).

Agenda would include:

- Updates from CDC / Governor
- Discuss concerns and challenges
- Identify solutions
- Consider drafting a joint statement about working together and taking care of each other in order to best serve the students and schools of Maine during this unprecedented time of challenge

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#)
Subject: conversation with Dr. Pontius
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 2:07:11 PM

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Good afternoon, Commissioner Makin,

I think I mentioned last week at some point that Dr. Ed Pontius reached out to me because he had been in touch with the President of our MEA Retired group, Kay Grindall, about the possibility of training some retired educators in PFA (Psychological First Aid) so that they would be able to help educators deal with stress/anxiety as the school year gets underway. I had a lengthy conversation with him Friday evening about what he has been doing with Maine FrontLine/WarmLine and helping healthcare workers. He asked me to reach out to you to ask you if you could speak with Commissioner Lambrew about this (Dr. Pontius said he has been working with Dr. Pollard and Amy Belisle at DHHS)—it seems that that conversation—between you and Commissioner Lambrew-- would have to happen in order for him to do this.

Kay seemed sure there would be retired educators who would be interested in getting this training and assisting with this, and I know that the level of anxiety among our members is high and likely to only get higher in the coming weeks.

I'd be glad to talk more about what he has shared with me (or forward his emails to you if you'd like). Just let me know if that would be helpful.

Thank you!

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Cc: [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: couple more things
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 10:42:28 AM

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Two topics have come up recently—concerns that educators have re: ‘livestreaming’ their classes and having cameras in classrooms—and needing, if this has to be done, ways to ensure that it is done such that there are no ‘end user’ violations of any kind (such as recording, misusing, etc.) as well as privacy concerns—I’m hoping we can find a suitable way to provide what is needed for students who can’t be in person but also protect educators as well as students from potential issues around this if there is not a better way to provide for remote instruction where/when needed.

Also, I’ve had questions re: face masks (sorry—I’m sure we are all getting tired of the issue!)—an admin saying that the staff, when seated 6 feet apart, can remove masks—but I am saying that is not correct—there is nothing in either the DOE Framework or the CDC document that is linked there that says that (only that students can remove masks for meals, and then must be six feet apart)—so clarification around that with others would be helpful.

Then there is the idea of ‘mask breaks’—in the CDC document that is linked in the DOE Framework, it mentions these—but the pediatricians on our recent webinar said these would be when there is a time in the day—such as meals, recess—that occur naturally (again, when six feet apart in the cafeteria or on the playground)—not additional ‘breaks’ whenever the student wants them (unless perhaps there is a special room, with very few people in it at any time, where a student might go)—the image of students taking their masks off in the classroom for a ‘break’ at any time is counter to the whole idea of wearing the masks. But some admin are saying students can take ‘mask breaks’ and it seems to mean whenever the student wishes to do so. Again, help in correcting that would be great.

The fear seems to be growing—and I suspect it will continue to do so—any and all ways of helping to calm the fears—flexibility, accommodations, reassurances that safety requirements will be followed—will hopefully help. I understand the fear—on the part of not just educators, I realize—and I will keep doing what I can to assure educators that safety measures must be in place and will be followed.

Glad to talk about all of these things and whatever else—not sure when our next meeting is?

Stay well,
Grace

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Subject: draft of our presentation
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:27:08 PM
Attachments: [update to AFA 6-30-20.pptx](#)

Dear Team (including MSMA/MEA),

Here's the rough draft of our presentation for tomorrow. I plan to take approximately 15-20 minutes to present and then be ready for questions. Our team has compiled estimates for the cost of returning to in-person instruction, based on CDC guidelines, estimates and anecdotes regarding the loss of revenue for enterprise accounts (like the child nutrition programs), and the general impact on

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Subject: draft of our presentation
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:31:00 PM
Attachments: [update to AFA 6-30-20.pptx](#)

Dear Team (including MSMA/MEA),

Here's the rough draft of our presentation for tomorrow. I plan to take approximately 15-20 minutes to present and then be ready for questions. In anticipation of questions, our team has compiled estimates for the cost of returning to in-person instruction, based on CDC guidelines, estimates and anecdotes regarding the loss of revenue for enterprise accounts (like the child nutrition programs), and the general impact on students, teachers, staff, and education leaders. We'll also have examples and trends to illustrate how DOE and local SAUs are using/plan to use to use CARES Act funds.

I'll have time between 11:00-1:00 to make revisions/additions.

Any suggestions/feedback on this will be appreciated – I'm grateful to know that we're all working so well as a whole public education team, and think that might be important to highlight.

- Pender

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#)
Subject: glad to talk again when you want to
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 10:28:57 AM

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I spoke with Paula—if you want to have a conference call with MSMA, etc., some time today, she will join in if she can (she was about to head out for the day but will respond if she can)—I do have meetings (virtual) today from 2-4 and 5-8 (NEA business) that I have to be at (on) but otherwise would be glad to talk.

We do have another set of questions/answers that we were looking to send on Monday—more about COVID 19 kinds of things—and we could preface it with something along the lines of a ‘stay calm’ /‘let’s get through this together’ sentiment.

And we’d be open to some mutual message aimed at reassuring all...

Of course if the CDC and or Governor’s office makes decisions or recommendations today re: school closures, then maybe nothing like that is needed.

I will keep a close watch on messages and emails...

Take care—
Grace

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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: good point re: masks
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 4:41:36 PM

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Hello, all,

Hopefully your last email of the day (wishful thinking, I'm sure)—just had a lengthy conversation with a member who is stressed to the max, but he did make a good point re: there is no 'standardized' mask being talked about for schools/students. I know that some masks are being provided, but for students (and staff) that bring in their own, maybe some further/repeated info is needed in any communications that go out re: what the masks need to be like (such as, no gaiters, etc.).

Just thought this was a good thing to raise that might help...

Anyway, hope everyone gets a break this weekend!

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Subject: guidance from camps
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:26:11 PM

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Here you go.

Also the American Camp Association has great guidance, although it's written for overnight youth camps, much of it is relevant to K-12:

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>

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Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 5:19 PM

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Subject: For what they are worth

I've attached PDFs of the two documents we've created and are putting out to staff. I hope they are helpful in some way. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: help with face coverings and students
Date: Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:34:13 AM
Attachments: [PSEA In Brief Face Coverings.pdf](#)

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Hello, all

Sharing the attached from Pennsylvania State EA—I couldn't recall if there was something like this that we had out there in Maine? (sorry, memory cells are depleted at this point...) but if not, something like this could help...

Stay well,
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To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: just a thought for you . . .
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:03:06 PM

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A Statement from Leaders of Maine's Public Schools

The Maine Department of Education, the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, the Maine Education Association, the Maine School Boards Association, and the Maine School Superintendents Association are all dedicated to ongoing collaboration and cooperation as we navigate the plethora of concerns generated by the COVID 19 outbreak in Maine for students, educators, and our communities.

More than anything, we are all committed to doing the best we can for our students right now. We appreciate all of the efforts happening in schools and communities all around the state to help deliver meals to students. In many districts, teachers and administrators have gone above and beyond to quickly design remote learning opportunities for students and families. We are overwhelmed by the good work we are seeing during this crisis.

We all agree that our collective efforts are needed right now. We need administrators, educators, school board members, parents and community leaders working together to do the best we can for kids right now.

[We know there are many concerns in the field and even more questions. Educators in the field and others should continue to communicate with their state organization for the most up to date information. We are committed to sharing information among the state organizations and we intend to mirror best practices by working together to find the best solutions we can.

For example, we all agree that it is in the best interest of educators and communities to continue to pay hourly staff during this time. Hourly staff play critical roles in our schools and failing to pay them will only result in further economic harm in our communities.

We will continue to work together on a state level to cooperate and collaborate and to problem solve, and we encourage leaders in our local public schools to do the same.

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Subject: meeting this Thursday
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 9:56:28 AM

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Good morning, Commissioner,

I believe we are scheduled to meet this Thursday.

If so, I'm hoping we could take some time on the agenda to discuss two things, or at least to make a plan for how to begin to address these topics:

1. There are some districts where the unified guidance that we all spent so much time on is being supplanted by guidance from Drummond and Woodsum (and this D & W guidance in several regards does not align with the unified guidance); this is causing some real issues in those districts.
2. We want to work together on areas where there are problems (other than, or in addition to, issues with 1370)—how can we best begin to do so, and work together to promote improved school climate and culture? Finding ways we can all address this benefits everyone—especially students.

Thank you for considering this.

Grace

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Subject: more resources
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:35:29 PM
Attachments: [ASCD Integrating Mental Health into School Safety.pdf](#)
[NAMI links - COVID-19.docx](#)
[video-conference-safety.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon – I know I shared a few resources yesterday, and here are two more - one from the Census Bureau and one from ASCD (through NSBAA). Both seem timely and maybe helpful to those you work with. Pass them along if they seem appropriate for your group(s).

The third one (from NAMI) came from the School Safety Center Zoom call in which I participated yesterday morning.

Steve

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: need to talk --do you have a minute at 10:00?
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:28:44 AM

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I want to be clear re: the headline in the PPH re: reopening before I speak to a reporter.

Hope you can take a call then.

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Subject: next steps?
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:43:17 AM

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Good morning,

Just wondering what the next steps are and what the timeline might be for the task force on reopening schools—I know a lot of input was gathered yesterday, which was great, so likely some time is needed to incorporate the ideas into the framework, but of course districts are moving forward with plans already.

Also, hearing more and more that parents may (understandably) be reluctant to send their children to schools for in-person instruction, and knowing that we will all be working to make remote instruction the best it can be so when/if it's needed it won't be implemented in emergency mode, I'm wondering if there might be a PR campaign about 'back to school' (whether in-person, remote, hybrid, whatever shape(s) this takes)—something that helps to reassure parents and students that we are ready for this and welcomes people back and encourages them to 'attend'. Just a thought.

Looking forward to the next steps.

Grace

P.S. A belated 'Happy Birthday', Commissioner!

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Cc: [Herman, Mary](#); [Fortin, Chelsey A](#); [Kusiak, Karen](#); [Holmes, Jaci](#)
Subject: presentation of survey findings?
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:17:00 PM

Hi John, Grace, and Paula,

The team copied here is hoping to schedule time with you to learn about the findings from your two surveys. I think Chelsey has already reached out? At any rate – please let them know when a good opportunity might be. I apologize for being underwater these days and unable to attend, but will certainly get the highlights from our team.

Thanks!

From: [Leavitt, Grace \[ME\]](#)
To: [Eileen King](#); [steve bailey](#); [Makin, Pender](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: quarantined employee going into school
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:20:57 AM

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Good morning,

I was told this morning that an employee in SAD 75 is supposed to be quarantined until Sept. 14th due to having been in close contact with a person who has tested positive, but the employee's principal said she was 'cleared' to come in today (when students are also in) and that he would like for her to come in today, which she has done as she did not want to be insubordinate.

Not sure who might best reach out to SAD 75. This is exactly the concern we have raised due to the most recent 'exception' made for essential workers who would otherwise be quarantining for fourteen days—it just makes no sense that the person goes into work until the fourteen days are up.

Additionally, it seems that the 'handbook' that Drummond Woodsum has shared with districts (I haven't seen it) says someone should quarantine for ten days rather than what the CDC says (fourteen). Could this be corrected if that is the case?

Thank you,
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Subject: question re: April break
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:02:38 PM

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Eileen,

Just got word that Massabesic (RSU 57) is deciding by tomorrow whether to teach and work during what was to be April break—though allowing a four day weekend in there—in order to end the school year earlier than they might otherwise. (The Association has notified members that they are taking a vote on it today/tomorrow.)

Is there a way to encourage from your end that they hold off on such a decision for a bit? Just seems to be too early to look at this, given that things keep changing.

I will try to do the same on our end...

Hang in there,
Grace

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Cc: [Deveaux, Kelli](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#)
Subject: questions about leave and sick time...
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 1:59:34 PM

Hi Grace, Paula, Steve, and Eileen –

I imagine you all must be receiving calls and emails with questions related to the potential of Maine being impacted by the coronavirus, as are we! (We continue to refer people to the DOE's webpage that is constantly updated with information and guidance from CDC – please feel free to share this resource as needed).

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Subject: questions about leave and sick time..
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 2:01:00 PM

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Best,
Pender

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Subject: questions--for tomorrow a.m. or whenever
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:02:08 PM

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Hopefully none of you are reading this now—tomorrow during the meeting or even later on is fine—I just don't want to forget to ask/relay these:

1—We're hearing that some districts have not begun to work on plans—I am not sure if the members saying this just aren't aware/in the loop, or if they really haven't begun to work on return to school plans in some places; is there a deadline of any sort for reopen plans or remote instruction plans?

2—one of the teachers working on the lessons/units for the fall thought there could be a little more clarity around how/when people will be paid—she was fine with doing the work but I guess others she knew were asking

3—there are concerns about access to buildings after hours by parent booster groups, other community groups, etc.—meetings of these groups are not always planned—community members have keys to buildings sometimes—maybe some message re: cleaning after such groups are in buildings (maybe it's already happening or planned for)

4—all sorts of issues around face masks and other safety measures/distancing—people not complying, people who are complying feeling stigmatized (we're working on this, too, of course).

See you in the morning—
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Subject: re-opening concerns
Date: Friday, July 17, 2020 9:44:38 AM

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Good morning,

I am hearing a lot more concerns from educators about reopening plans —especially districts that are saying they will fully re-open, also that the ‘metrics’ that the DOE will be getting out soon will be ‘strongly encouraging fully reopen pre-K-5 and hybrid 6-12’—I don’t think stress levels can get any higher (at least, I hope not). I am hearing there may be more staff that simply won’t be able to return.

Can you verify if this is what is coming out, and when?

While I was writing this, I got another message that it will be coming out today.

Thank you,
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Subject: requesting your thoughts on this embargoed draft guidance
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:49:04 PM

Dear Champions of Education,

I have attached an EMBARGOED draft of guidance for summer school programs and would be grateful for your feedback prior to our releasing it as a priority notice from DOE. We ask that you not share this, as it is still in draft stage. You can provide your feedback directly to me by return email.

The outline and components reflect questions and concerns we've been hearing from a diverse group of stakeholders in the field and the details were drafted by a team of school nurses. This further revised draft includes input from DOE specialists who ensured that the most recent information provided by our partners at Maine CDC is reflected.

I would be grateful to hear your thoughts on this prior to our releasing it publicly.

Thank you for

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Subject: requesting your thoughts on this embargoed draft guidance
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:52:00 PM
Attachments: [Summer School Guidance \(nurses" recommendations with partial edit\).docx](#)

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I would be grateful to hear your thoughts on this prior to our releasing it publicly, and recognize that this is a quick turn-around, but hope to receive your feedback by Wednesday of this week. After that, the document will receive a final vetting by CDC and we hope to send it out later in the week.

Thanks for taking the time for this – and thank you for all you do on behalf of Maine's students,
Pender

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Subject: some recent concerns
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:07:52 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Economic Recovery Task Force - PDF - Copy.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share with you all a couple of recent concerns. The first concern is regarding one of the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee that states, *"Developing, supporting, and implementing plans to safely return to in-person instruction in the fall should be the state's top economic redevelopment priority. The Governor needs to state this clearly to the Maine public - signaling this as her top priority, publicly endorse the reopening guidelines developed by the DOE and education stakeholders, and publicly commit funds to help schools safely meet this ambitious target."*

The concern is that, at least to some, the focus will be more on reopening and not enough on the essential word, "safely". MEA is sending a letter as a follow-up to the Committee's meeting last Friday in order to try emphasize what is needed for schools to reopen safely. Our priority is and must be safety. It is of particular concern when we see what is happening in other states as some businesses have reopened, and there is a push in other places to reopen schools as well. I am attaching a copy of the letter we are sending to the Committee.

We are also sending our members what MEA has compiled as what needs to be in place for schools to reopen safely. The letter to the Committee has a link to this document so that Committee members hopefully see clearly what the needs are.

Another concern is that this guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>) may be causing some districts that were planning staggered schedules or hybrid plans for reopening to reconsider those plans and instead revert to full in-person reopening due to the concerns regarding students' social/emotional health as well as physical well-being when they are not back in schools. Of course we share those concerns, too, but need to somehow address those issues while also keeping the primary focus on safety for both students and staff. I hope we can find a way to work together to address these issues if schools, as we likely all are anticipating at this point, do need to stagger schedules and have remote instruction for some or all students.

I look forward to continuing to work together to be sure we are doing what we can to begin the school year safely for students and staff.

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Subject: Ed. Orgs. Check-in Review summer guidance (EMBARGOED DRAFT)

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To: [Makin, Pender](#); [Chuhta, Daniel](#); [steve bailey](#); [Eileen King](#); [Holly Couturier](#)
Subject: teacher in Lewiston
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:48:18 AM

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Hello, all,

I was just told that a teacher in Lewiston was in close contact to a student who was positive—the class is quarantined, but the teacher, since they are ‘essential’, is in school.

Hoping this can be addressed quickly, as happened a few weeks ago in SAD 75 (and the teacher was sent home once the super was contacted).

Thanks,
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Subject: the framework
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:08:54 AM

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Good morning,

We're looking forward to the task force meeting later today and will take time to read over the draft framework beforehand, but I want to raise a concern that stands out even as I was reading the document quickly.

We certainly appreciate that MEA has been included in these meetings as well as the other group meetings to discuss issues, possible solutions, share information, and develop unified guidance when possible. We truly want to see things go well and avoid conflicts.

That being said, without the Association being listed as a necessary part of the Core Planning Team we risk potential problems as these plans are developed and implemented.

Many of the issues in the framework will necessitate bargaining as they affect working conditions; where the issues are ed policy, locals will need to meet and consult and bargain any impact. Having Association reps on the CPTs can help those negotiations to go smoothly.

We are hearing that at least in some districts, the Association is being included, fortunately, but we anticipate in others that there will be problems. Making it clear to all in the guidance framework that the Association needs to be involved in developing the plans would help.

I hope I'm stating the concern clearly—I see that the last item on the agenda is a discussion of the “commitment to collaboration” and we are committed, but we need to be clear that collaboration on these recommendations or any future topics does not waive the need for our members to collectively bargain or to meet and consult.

We would be glad to talk sometime this afternoon before the meeting if you like; otherwise, see you all this afternoon.

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Cc: [Voelker, Paula \[ME\]](#); [Walker, Rob \[ME\]](#); [Kosinski, John \[ME\]](#)
Subject: time to meet?
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:32:53 AM

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Good morning,

We are hearing from more and more educators that it does not seem to be completely clear in all districts that the safety requirements in the Framework are indeed requirements.

Of even more concern is the wording in the red/yellow/green chart that says 'should' which is having some district leaders say/think that if their county is designated as 'yellow', they could still decide to be 'green' if they find that their town is 'safer'. My understanding from what Dr. Shah et al stated at the press conference was that that was not the case—that the local district/town could not 'change' their designation (unless they were designated 'green' or 'yellow' and did not have things ready for that and so would determine they needed to remain 'red/remote' until they had things in place).

I am concerned that we don't have a meeting before the Friday announcement of levels for the counties.

In fact, as the start of the school year draws nearer, I suggest it would be wise to meet more frequently again.

Another concern that is growing is the need for childcare for educators—both for younger children (could districts be encouraged to try to provide that on site? Using some of the additional funds? A couple do already, I believe) but also for school-age children when the educator has one schedule in a district and their children have another (some superintendents are providing flexibility around that, allowing the educator's children to attend in the same district—could more be encouraged to do so?).

The fear among educators, even with safety measures in place, is also growing. There is a lack of confidence that the measures can/will be enforced, and also just fear for their well-being even if they can be.

I am hearing from more members that they are very seriously considering leaving their positions.

If we could meet before Friday, that would be ideal, though I know that would be difficult at this point. If even a few of us could touch base beforehand, that would help.

I did just see the message that went out to superintendents, but the above concerns remain even with that message out there.

I hope we can touch base soon.

Stay well,
Grace

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Subject: timeline for the reopening task force
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:08:02 PM

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Good evening,

I recognize that everyone is working non-stop, so I'm almost hesitant to ask about this—almost. We are hearing of more and more districts that are either underway with plans for the fall or about to start. We know how much work is involved in thinking all of this through. I was just on a meeting with some members who expressed frustration at not having anything yet from the state, and frustration that they are doing this work only to then have the guidelines from the state come out later on.

If there is anyway to predict when the taskforce will have something ready to release—or maybe even just a 'minimal' outline of what is being fleshed out could be shared with districts?—something to reassure them that the guidance won't come out so late as to not be of the greatest use to as many as possible, that would be helpful.

Thank you,

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Subject: topics for tomorrow's meeting
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:56:57 AM

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Could we possibly consider putting out unified guidance on any or all of the following: 1) that districts put on hold evaluation systems for next year, knowing that there will be periods of remote instruction and there will be hybrid situations going on even if students are in school (for students that cannot/will not attend in person); 2) that there be adequate time provided for the incredible amount of additional work/planning that needs to be done by teachers when in either hybrid situations or remote instruction situations?

I am already hearing from one district what is being expected of them (they were handed 'the plan'—no collaborative planning team) and just reading it has me stressed out. I am sure to be hearing from more places. I can imagine how many more hours it will take for teachers to do what is in the plan on top of what they usually do—we will lose them from the profession for sure. Any and all ways of reminding everyone to be humane is still needed.

Another topic—maybe just to bring up and address more later—racial equity, diversifying the educator workforce, training for staff, and related topics.

Thanks.

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Subject: two teachers for providing feedback
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:04:16 PM

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Good evening, Commissioner,

Here are the names and e-mails for two teachers who will take a look at the summer school guidance once you send it to them and will provide feedback.

Jan Murphy is a speech and language therapist in Augusta schools and Becca Cole is an elementary teacher in RSU 14 Windham/Raymond.

Jan's email is: jantalks@aol.com

Becca's email is: rdcole72@gmail.com

Thank you!

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Subject: update
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 6:18:49 PM

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So, the latest is that there was confusion between a student who tested positive the other day (whose two siblings are now also quarantining) and another student (same school) with major symptoms (sent home) and his/her sibling with minor symptoms, also sent home—it is the parent of these latter two who is not getting the kids tested, but now I'm told it is not verified if the parent is refusing to do so but it is suspected that is the case.

Steve reported earlier (thank you again, Steve!) that the superintendent was not aware of this last situation (the students with symptoms)—even if nothing can be done to see that presumptive positive cases are tested to determine whether they are positive or not, I'm hoping that communication within a district can be clear (as well as communication to me from our local members, I realize) but in a large district like Lewiston it is especially challenging.

And although there is a balance between setting off needless panic/worry, should there be another layer of notification about or another way of dealing with presumptive cases?

See you tomorrow morning.

Grace

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Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 5:50:12 PM

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If there is any information to help with specifics about ventilation systems, that would be extremely helpful. People are asking what air exchange rates should be, what MERV ratings should be (ASHRAE says minimum of 13; school admin are saying 8 is sufficient), and anything else specific (other than there should be 'adequate ventilation' and keep windows open (it is already feeling like autumn,,,)) and use fans to blow out of windows... that would be so helpful!

I am hearing about concerns on ventilation (lack thereof) in a variety of places...

Thank you—

Grace

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Subject: webinar and clarification on special education paperwork
Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:55:56 AM

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Hello all,

This last webinar on May 1st, from the Council of Exceptional Children and the Council of Administrators of Special Education, titled Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis: Considerations for Special Education Administrators, was quite informative about ESY(Extended School Year Services for Special Education) as well as documentation that special education teachers and administrators need to be keeping through-out this COVID 19 timeframe. This documentation is going to be extremely important once reopening resumes or even if it does not resume.

This will be used to document contacts that were made with parents and children and what services children have received, how often and when, and what impact that service or lack of service has had on individual children in relationship to their IEP goals and access to the general curriculum. Progress notes are going to be extremely important. Even if parents choose to not access services special education personnel should to continue check ins with the parent to see if they have changed their mind. We must stand ready to serve the students. Schools are still having IEP meetings, virtually or by phone, as required by law or requested by parents. These IEP meetings must be followed up with a written notice. If a school refuses to have an IEP meeting there must also be a written notice to parents. All of this is a lot of paperwork for special education teachers and educational technicians but it is required and actually is the same requirement as if we were in brick and mortar school session. The U.S. Secretary of Education's report to Congress did not allow any of the flexibilities to IDEA, such as timelines, that we had hoped for. The CEC and CASE are still attempting to work with the US Congress to get some targeted flexibility. The only way flexibility can occur is by the US Congress.

Here is the link to the webinar: <https://cec.sped.org/COVID19forAdministrators>

See you all 4:00. Jill



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I am available at any point needed—and am not pushing for a call—I am sure you could use a break!-
-but a joint statement from DOE/MEA/MSMA/MPA/MADSEC/MCLA would be a good thing if possible.

Just let us know when you can, or if you need me to do something.

And meanwhile, I hope you are doing OK and hanging in there!

Grace

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