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Dr. William Beardsley
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Dear Dr. Beardsley,

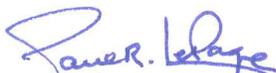
I understand that the Commission to Reform Public Education Funding and Improve Student Performance in Maine will meet later this month. While it may be difficult for the Commission to reach consensus on issues that will significantly impact public education in Maine, I remain hopeful that the members of the Commission possess the leadership, representative characteristics and commitment needed to succeed and uncover "grand bargains" that will improve our education system for the benefit of Maine students.

In pursuit of these solutions, I would like you to serve as my designee to the Commission. Although demands on my time will not allow me to participate fully as a member of the Commission, you are well suited to serve in my place. I have full confidence in your leadership of the Department of Education and your grasp of my priorities and passion for Maine public education.

In order to serve as my designee on the Commission, you will be required to vacate your current seat representing the Department of Education. To fill the departmental seat, please provide me with the name of the individual from the Department who can best provide leadership and engagement on the Commission.

Thank you for your continued hard work and public service.

Regards,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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