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PAUL R. LEPAGE  
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WILLIAM H. BEARDSLEY  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

August 9, 2016

Hon. Paul R. LePage  
Office of the Governor  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-001

Dear Governor LePage,

Thank you for inviting me to serve as your designee to the Commission to Reform Public Education Funding and Improve Student Performance in Maine. The Commission has been charged with an important task, and I am proud to contribute to its work. I am honored by your confidence in me to represent you and the administration. I accept the appointment as your designee and will honor your trust.

In accepting this position on the Commission, I consequently vacate my existing seat as the representative from the Department of Education.

I recommend that you appoint Dr. Robert "Bob" Hasson as the representative to the Commission from the Department. Bob earned his doctorate at Boston College. He is a Maine native, a former Maine superintendent, a respected Department colleague, and is intimately familiar with the public education landscape in Maine and the issues related to school funding, student achievement, teaching and learning. Further, Bob possesses the necessary leadership and organizational skills to serve as the Commission's chair and shepherd the group's work to conclusion in a timely manner.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William H. Beardsley".

William H. Beardsley  
Deputy Commissioner of Education