



103rd Annual Commissioner's Conference for Superintendents

Point Lookout Resort, Northport, Maine
June 23 – 25, 2014

Agenda

Monday, June 23		
10:00 –	Registration opens	Erickson Hall Lobby
12:00 – 12:15	Commissioner's Welcome Jim Rier, MDOE, Commissioner of Education	Islesboro Ballroom
12:15 – 4:00	School Finance One-On-Ones Joanne Allen, MDOE, School Finance Coordinator Suzan Beaudoin, MDOE, Director of School Finance and Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussion 	Ducktrap Room
12:15 – 1:15	Talking About Proficiency-Based Education – Pragmatics of Delivering a Message to a Community Stephen Abbott, Great Schools Partnership, Director of Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will learn a variety of research-based strategies that will help district leaders increase understanding of proficiency-based learning in their communities (theory) • Participants will learn how to talk about proficiency-based learning in ways that are comprehensible and compelling to a wide variety of audiences (practice) 	Islesboro Ballroom
1:15 – 2:15	Talking About Proficiency-Based Education – Important Strategies to Employ Stephen Abbott, Great Schools Partnership, Director of Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will learn a variety of practical communication strategies that will work in any district, community or situation • Participants will learn a variety of techniques and guidance they can use to develop an effective communications plan 	Islesboro Ballroom
2:15 – 2:30	<i>Break</i>	
2:30 – 3:00	Hear from your Maine school/district colleagues Facilitator – Diana Doiron, MDOE, Proficiency-Based Education/ Aroostook County Regional Representative Rick Green, Lisbon School Department, Superintendent Katy Grondin, Auburn School Department, Superintendent	Islesboro Ballroom

3:00 – 4:00	Small group discussions Facilitator – Stephen Abbott, Great Schools Partnership, Director of Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be provided with a communications plan template • Participants will use self-assessment questions as a framework for communications work • Participants will engage in discussions regarding the development of a communications plan and identify action steps 	Islesboro Ballroom
5:00	Reception – <i>Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association</i>	Erickson Hall Lobby
6:00	Dinner and Recognition Banquet	Islesboro Ballroom

Tuesday, June 24

7:00 – 8:30	<i>Breakfast</i>	The Summit - Foyer
8: 45 – 12:00	School Finance One-On-Ones Joanne Allen, MDOE, School Finance Coordinator Suzan Beaudoin, MDOE, Director of School Finance and Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussion 	The Summit - Belfast Board Room
8:45 – 9:00	Proficiency-Based Diploma Overview: Where Are We Now? What's Ahead of Us? Jim Rier, MDOE, Commissioner of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will receive an overview of Maine's progress in developing a proficiency-based diploma system and the work that lies ahead 	The Summit – Compass Room
9:00 – 10:15	Proficiency-Based Diploma Extensions Anita Bernhardt, MDOE, Director of Standards and Instructional Support Diana Doiron, MDOE, Proficiency-Based Education/Aroostook County Regional Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will understand and discuss criteria for extensions • Participants will identify challenges and critical needs regarding implementing proficiency-based diplomas to inform local and State planning 	The Summit – Compass Room
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Break</i>	
10:30 – 12:00	Local Policies: Their Implications and Implementation Charlotte Bates, MSMA, Director of Policy and Resources Services Deb Friedman, MDOE, Director of Policy and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will discuss policy implications of proficiency-based education • Participants will discuss draft policies prepared by Maine School Management Association • Participants will develop a timeline for policy revision in their respective units 	The Summit – Compass Room
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	Penobscot Pavilion

1:00 – 4:00	<p>School Finance One-On-Ones Joanne Allen, MDOE, School Finance Coordinator Suzan Beaudoin, MDOE, Director of School Finance and Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussion 	Ducktrap Room
1:00 – 2:15	<p>Concurrent sessions</p>	
	<p>Establishing Systems of Support in a Proficiency-Based System Jan Breton, MDOE, Director of Special Services Elizabeth Burroughs, RSU 24, Ellsworth High School, Math Teacher Tracey Hollingsworth, RSU 24, Ellsworth High School, Math Teacher John McKechnie, RSU 24, Ellsworth High School, Science Teacher Jan Rollins, Augusta School Department, Cony Middle School, Asst. Principal Kim Silsby, Augusta School Department, Cony High School, Principal Renee Thompson, RSU 24, Ellsworth High School, Principal Rachelle Tome, MDOE, Chief Academic Officer George Tucker, MDOE, School Improvement Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will gain an awareness of a variety of existing support mechanisms available • Participants will become familiar with various Department initiatives and policies • Participants will learn from other SAUs who have implemented student support systems • Participants will have an opportunity to share local practices 	Marshall Point Room
	<p>Proficiency-Based Education in Action: <i>Supporting Changes in Instructional Practice</i> Diana Doiron, MDOE, Proficiency-Based Education/Aroostook County Regional Representative Kristie Littlefield, MDOE, Social Studies Specialist/Western Maine Regional Representative John Armentrout, RSU 2, Director of Information Technology Amanda Hennessey, RSU 15, Gray-New Gloucester Middle School, Asst. Principal Jon Moody, RSU 18, Messalonskee High School, Principal Sherry Levesque, RSU 15, Gray-New Gloucester Middle School, Principal Geoff Robbins, RSU 15, Dunn School, Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will understand some of the changes in instructional practice that support the transition to proficiency-based learning as well as the impact these changes have across the school system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vertical teaming ○ Seminars ○ Monitoring student learning 	Seal Harbor Room

	<p>Multiple Pathways: Demonstrating and Verifying Proficiency Anita Bernhardt, MDOE, Director of Standards and Instructional Support Deb Friedman, MDOE, Director of Policy and Programs Meg Harvey, MDOE, Director of Career and Technical Education Nigel Norton, MDOE, CTE Program Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will understand the concept and basic requirements of “multiple pathways” • Participants will see a crosswalk of how multiple pathways could work with CTE • Participants will discuss possible processes for approving alternative pathways and certifying proficiency 	Grindle Point Room
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	<p>Proficiency-Based Education in Action: <i>Supporting Changes in the System</i> Diana Doiron, MDOE, Proficiency-Based Education/Aroostook County Regional Representative Kristie Littlefield, MDOE, Social Studies Specialist/Western Maine Regional Representative Becky Brown, South Portland School Department, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Frank McElwain, Northern Maine Educational Collaborative (NMEC), Co-Chair/RSU 39, Superintendent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will understand the systemic supports needed in the transition to proficiency-based diplomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity to Learn and Demonstrate Proficiency Infrastructure ○ Building Capacity Collaboratively 	Seal Harbor Room

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4:00 – 4:30	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What’s on the agenda for tomorrow? • Answers to Parking Lot questions – Facilitator – Deb Friedman, MDOE, Director of Policy and Programs Jim Rier, MDOE, Commissioner of Education Anita Bernhardt, MDOE, Director of Standards and Instructional Support Rachelle Tome, MDOE, Chief Academic Officer Jan Breton, MDOE, Director of Special Services Diana Doiron, MDOE, Proficiency-Based Education/Aroostook County Regional Representative 	Islesboro Ballroom
5:00 – 6:00	<p>Networking Reception</p>	Erickson Hall Lobby
6:00	<p>Dinner Welcome and Introduction by Jim Rier, MDOE, Commissioner of Education Keynote – “The Journey to Transform a College into a Performance Based System” Linda Schott, University of Maine at Presque Isle, President</p>	Islesboro Ballroom

Wednesday, June 25

7:00 – 8:00	<i>Breakfast</i>	Penobscot Pavilion
8:00 – 8:30	Business Meeting – Maine School Superintendents Association	Ducktrap Room
8:45 – 11:15	<p>Educator Effectiveness</p> <p>Anita Bernhardt, MDOE, Director of Standards and Instructional Support Deb Friedman, MDOE, Director of Policy and Programs Mary Paine, MDOE, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator Rachelle Tome, MDOE, Chief Academic Officer Ken Coville, RSU 74, Superintendent Sally Loughlin, RSU 51, Superintendent Frank Sherburne, RSU 6, Superintendent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be updated on the rule and key details • Participants will understand and discuss the State model • Participants will explore challenges and critical needs regarding implementing educator evaluations to inform local and State planning • Participants will become familiar with data management systems employed by selected SAUs 	Islesboro Ballroom
11:15 – 11:45	<p>Technical Assistance Opportunities for Educator Effectiveness</p> <p>Mary Paine, MDOE, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will become familiar with existing technical support provided by MDOE 	Islesboro Ballroom
11:45 – 12:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Jim Rier, MDOE, Commissioner of Education</p>	Islesboro Ballroom