



104th Annual Commissioner’s Conference for Superintendents

Sunday River Resort – Jordan Hotel, Newry, Maine
June 28 – 30, 2015

Agenda

Sunday, June 28

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| 2:00 | Registration opens | Jordan Hotel Alcove |
| 5:00 | Networking Reception – Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association/Apple Computers | Sliders |
| 6:00 | Dinner and Recognition Banquet | Sliders or Birches |

Monday, June 29

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| 7:30 – 8:30 | BREAKFAST | Grand Avenue |
| 8: 45 – 9:00 | Welcome Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner | Birches (General Session) |
| 9:00 – 10:15 | Keynote Address | Birches (General Session) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | BREAK | |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Burning Questions from the Field Maine DOE staff will respond to your written questions to help direct your selection of conference sessions to best suit your local needs. | Birches (General Session) |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | LUNCH | Grand Avenue |
| 12:45 – 1:45 | Proficiency-Based Education and Educator Effectiveness Updates Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional Support Diana Doiron, Maine DOE, Specialist, Standards-Based Instruction, Regional Education Rep: Aroostook County Mary Paine, Maine DOE, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator This session will highlight changes to the educator effectiveness law as a result of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver renewal and related legislation; the implications of these changes to districts; Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth (PEPG) system implementation status and expectations; and biennial budget provisions (if information is available). | Birches (General Session) |

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| | The proficiency-based education portion of this session will highlight the patterns and trends in the 2014-15 statewide implementation of proficiency-based learning, provide an overview of the Guiding Principles progressions, provide information on the confirmation of readiness or extension request process, and highlight 2015-16 Maine DOE plans for providing support. | |
| 1:45 – 2:00 | <i>BREAK</i> | |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Concurrent sessions | |
| | <p>Data You Can Use Lance Gilman, Maine DOE, Statewide Longitudinal Data System Trainer Bill Hurwitch, Maine DOE, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System</p> <p>The data team will demonstrate how district administrators can use data that's available in the education data warehouse to perform analysis, create reports and support decision making. The team will review the available data domains, how to compare data with peer districts and schools and how to create ad hoc queries and reports. The team will also demonstrate how to download postsecondary outcomes reports from the National Student Clearinghouse and education research reports from MEPRI and how to access workforce outcome reports. A preview will be given of the next generation data warehouse that is expected to go live later this summer.</p> | Birches |
| | <p>School Construction Programs Scott Brown, Maine DOE, Director, School Facilities Services</p> <p>This session will provide an update and overview of the Maine DOE's school construction programs including the Major Capital Improvement Program, Federal Facility Program, Leased Space Program, and the Revolving Renovation Fund. The update will include a discussion of rules, program timelines, and other information that will assist superintendents in facilities planning. There will also be time for questions and answers.</p> | Juniper/Spruce |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | <i>BREAK</i> | |
| 3:15 – 4:15 | Concurrent sessions | |
| | <p>Proficiency-Based Learning: Designing and Implementing to Support Student Learning Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional Support Diana Doiron, Maine DOE, Specialist, Standards-Based Instruction, Regional Education Rep: Aroostook County Maine Educators</p> <p>This session will provide participants an opportunity to participate in round table discussions with Maine educators regarding their efforts to improve student learning and progress towards proficiency.</p> | Birches |
| | <p>Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Office</p> <p>This session will provide an update of the current status of ESEA Accountability, including expectations for 2014-15, any updates related to</p> | Juniper/Spruce |

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| | Maine's Flexibility renewal request, and the status of reauthorization. | |
| 4:15 – 5:30 | Regional Superintendent Group Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aroostook County – • Cumberland County – • Hancock County – • Kennebec Valley – • Mid-Coast – • Penquis – • Washington County – • Western Maine – • York – | Various locations (see list to the left) |

Tuesday, June 30

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| 7:00 – 8:30 | <i>BREAKFAST</i> | Grand Avenue |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | Business Meeting – Maine School Superintendents Association | Juniper/Spruce |
| 8:45 – 10:15 | Maine DOE Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect costs – Joanne Allen • School Approval – Randy Kassa • Nutrition – Walter Beesley • Legislative Update – Debra Plowman/Jaci Holmes • School Construction – Scott Brown • New Staff Reporting System /Student Truancy – Rick Bergeron | Birches (General Session) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <i>BREAK</i> | |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Concurrent sessions | |
| | Educator Effectiveness Mary Paine, Maine DOE, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator In this session, participants will be presented with a draft plan for approving and monitoring Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth (PEPG) systems and invited to share their feedback on the plan. The session will also include a 15 minute Q and A on any aspect of Educator Effectiveness. | Juniper/Spruce |
| | Assessment Recap & Update Mike Muir, Maine DOE, Policy Director, Learning Through Technology Team Charlene Tucker, Maine DOE, Assessment/Accountability Team Coordinator This session will discuss the first administration of the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) for mathematics and English language arts (ELA)/literacy in 2015, the new assessment developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. This assessment was administered entirely online (except for approximately 100 students), allowing for new item types, an adaptive delivery, and new options for supports and accommodations. We will speak about the lessons learned and the feedback received as they may inform the broader shift of Maine's assessments to an online delivery. We will also speak about the preliminary data that has already been reported, its usefulness and | Birches |

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| | limitations, and the final data that will be reported in August. | |
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| | <p>Learning Through Technology Mike Muir, Maine DOE, Policy Director, Learning Through Technology Team</p> <p>Come learn about what’s new and exciting with learning through technology in Maine! Find out about a refreshed focus on learning at MLTI. And about the developing programs to support professional and leadership development and to share engaging, standards aligned curriculum materials. Discover what other programs the Learning Through Technology Team offers.</p> | Birches |
| | <p>Leveraging Title & IDEA Funds to Support Proficiency-Based Education and Educator Effectiveness Jan Breton, Maine DOE, Director of Special Services Meghan Southworth, Maine DOE, Title II Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Officer Chelsey Trimble, Maine DOE, Title I and Title VI</p> <p>In challenging fiscal times, State and local educational leaders are confronted with challenging decisions to make the best use of their limited resources to meet the educational needs of all students. The purpose of this session is to provide information to School Administrative Units (SAUs) to leverage non-Federal and Federal funds as efficiently and effectively as possible to support proficiency-based education and educator effectiveness. Participants will be provided an overview of ESEA & IDEA funding streams and allowable uses under each program.</p> | Juniper/Spruce |
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| | <p>Common Core and Standards Updates Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner</p> | Juniper/Spruce |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | <p>Closing remarks Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner</p> | Birches (General Session) |

One-on-One Technical Assistance

Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussions

**Sign-up sheets will be posted in the conference registration area

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| 10:30 – 3:00 | Annual School Approval One-On-Ones Randy Kassa, Maine DOE, School Enrollment Specialist | Grand Avenue |
| 10:30 – 3:00 | New Staff System Small Group Presentations Rick Bergeron, Maine DOE, MEDMS Helpdesk Administrator | Sliders Express |