



104th Annual Commissioner’s Conference for Superintendents

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

Agenda

Sunday, June 28

2:00 pm	Registration opens	<i>Alcove</i> Down the hall to left of hotel registration.
5:00 pm	Networking Reception – <i>Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association & Apple Computers</i>	<i>Sliders</i> Down the hall past conference registration.
6:00 pm	Dinner and Recognition Banquet	<i>Birches</i> Across from conference registration.

Monday, June 29

7:00 – 8:30 am	BREAKFAST – (Buffet)	<i>Grand Avenue</i> Located just off the hotel lobby. You are welcome to sit inside or outside on the deck.
8: 45 – 9:15 General Session	Welcome Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner	<i>Birches</i>
9:15 – 10:15 General Session	Keynote Address Ed Cervone, Educate Maine, Executive Director Alana Margeson, Caribou High School (RSU 39), 2012 Maine Teacher of the Year Shelly Moody, Williams Elementary School (RSU 18), Oakland, 2011 Maine Teacher of the Year Shannon Shanning, Whittier Middle School (RSU 16), Poland, 2013 Maine Teacher of the Year	<i>Birches</i>

10:15 – 10:30	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:30 – 11:30 General Session	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.	<i>Birches</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<i>LUNCH – (Buffet)</i>	<i>Birches</i> You are welcome to eat lunch in Birches or take your plate to Grand Avenue (inside or outside on the patio).
12:45 – 1:45 pm General Session	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 This session will highlight changes to the educator effectiveness law as a result of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver renewal and related legislation; biennial budget provisions (if information is available) and an update on the Plan for Equitable Access to Excellent Educators recently submitted by the Maine DOE to the US DE. The proficiency-based education portion of this session will highlight the patterns and trends identified in the 2014-15 statewide site visits, provide information about the extension renewal process, and highlight 2015-16 Maine DOE plans for providing PBE support.	<i>Birches</i>
1:45 – 2:00	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:00 – 3:00 *Concurrent Session	Data You Can Use Lance Gilman, Maine DOE, Statewide Longitudinal Data System Trainer Bill Hurwitsch, Maine DOE, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System The data team will demonstrate how district administrators can use data available in the education data warehouse to perform analysis, create reports and support decision making. The team will review the available data domains, demonstrate 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.	<i>Birches</i>
2:00 – 3:00 *Concurrent Session	School Construction Programs Scott Brown, Maine DOE, Director, School Facilities Services This session will provide an update and overview of the Maine DOE's school	<i>Juniper</i> Near conference registration.

	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.	
3:00 – 3:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:15 – 4:15 *Concurrent Sessions by Topic	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 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.	<i>Birches 1</i> <i>Birches 2</i> <i>Juniper</i>
4:15 – 4:45	New Superintendent Information Session New superintendents can meet several key Maine DOE staff members and pick up an information packet on a variety of topics.	<i>Birches</i>
4:15 – 4:45	Regional Superintendent Group Meetings	<i>Juniper</i> <i>Spruce</i> <i>Balsam</i> All near conference registration.
4:45 – 5:45	Networking Reception – Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association & HP	<i>Sliders</i>
	Dinner on your own	

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 – 8:30 am	<i>BREAKFAST – (Buffet</i>	<i>Grand Avenue</i> Located just off the hotel lobby. You are welcome to sit inside or outside on the deck.
8:00 – 8:30	Business Meeting – Maine School Superintendents Association	<i>Juniper</i>
8:45 – 10:15 General Session	Maine DOE Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Grant Management – Joanne Allen • School Approval – Randy Kassa • Nutrition – Walter Beesley • Legislative Update – Debra Plowman/Jaci Holmes • School Construction – Scott Brown 	<i>Birches</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Staff Reporting System/Student Truancy – Rick Bergeron 	
10:15 – 10:30	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:30 – 11:30 General Session	<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 Maine’s Flexibility renewal request, and the status of reauthorization.</p>	<i>Birches</i>
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12:45 – 1:45 pm *Concurrent Session	<p>Educator Effectiveness Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional Support</p> <p>In this session, participants will have the opportunity to review and ask questions about the regulatory and statutory changes related to educator effectiveness, and the intent to pilot survey and readiness guide.</p>	<i>Birches</i>
12:45 – 1:45 *Concurrent Session	<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>	<i>Juniper</i>
1:45 – 2:00	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:00 – 3:00 General Session	<p>Learning Through Technology Mike Muir, Maine DOE, Policy Director, Learning Through Technology Team</p> <p>Come learn about what’s new and exciting about 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>	<i>Birches</i>
3:00 – 3:30	<p>Closing remarks Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner</p>	<i>Birches</i>

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	Nap Room (hallway to the right of Birches – 2 nd door on left)
10:30 – 3:00	New Staff System Small Group Presentations Rick Bergeron, Maine DOE, MEDMS Helpdesk Administrator	Day Care (hallway to the right of Birches – 1 st door on left)