

Pilot Name: Outdoor Education Kits

School/District Name: AOS 96- Rose M Gaffney Elementary School; Machias, ME

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Overview:

Rose M Gaffney Elementary School will create and implement outdoor education lessons and activities geared towards Pre-K- 8th grade learners. These lessons will provide learners with the opportunity to use the trail system behind the school and materials to continue their classroom learning in an outdoor setting. Our team observed that academic work in an outdoor setting helped learners to be more engaged, happy and focused. By increasing the amount of outdoor learning, students will be supported in their social and emotional growth. This program will allow them to be more empathetic, practice teamwork skills, and be kind to each other and the environment. RREV funding will be used to create kits with engaging activities for educators to use in an outdoor learning environment. RMG will work alongside community partners such as Downeast Coastal Conservancy to implement the lessons.

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