

Governor's Commission on School Construction
Special Meeting – Superintendents
January 10, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

Purpose

For school superintendents to provide input to the Governor's Commission on School Construction

Background

Formed by the [Governor's Executive Order](#) in October 2024, the Commission is responsible for providing a report to the Governor and the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than April 15, 2025. The report will include information and recommendations regarding current construction and renovation needs, how other states fund public school facilities, and changes in related state law, rules, or policies. Commission membership includes representation from the Maine Department of Education, the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Board of Education, the Maine School Boards Association, the Maine Association of School Business Officials, the construction industry, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, and the Maine Municipal Association. Within this representation are three school superintendents. You may find additional information on the [Governor's Commission on School Construction webpage](#).

Because school superintendents are responsible for the administration and operation of school administrative units and schools, and play a central, pivotal role regarding the construction and renovation of school facilities, this meeting is an opportunity for the Commission to hear observations, concerns, and recommendations directly from superintendents. Superintendents are also invited to provide information directly to Commission members in writing or by contacting members of the Commission directly.

Overarching questions for superintendents to consider addressing include:

- Related to how school construction and renovation are planned and funded, what are your highest priorities to be solved in the next two years?
- What are your highest priorities for resolution within 3-5 years? (In other words, what needs to be substantially different within 3-5 years for Maine to achieve an effective, forward-looking, and sustainable system of safe, modern, efficient, and accessible public schools?)
- Are there funding models in other states or other strategies that would you like the Commission to consider in its work?

Agenda

(Times are approximate.)

11:00 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Purpose
Valerie Landry, Chair

11:10 Opening Remarks
Commissioner Pender Makin

11:15 Superintendents Comments
All are invited to comment at the meeting, via chat or in subsequent communication.

12:30 Adjourn
