I'm actually in favor of a mix of MLR's and NGSS. Having technology and innovation is probably a good thing for Maine and students who want to become entrepreneurs or improve their lives (e.g. utilizing Solar power, Wind power, etc).

In either case, I would like to see two levels of standards dependent on the class: regular course vs. honors course. For example, those students NOT pursuing college don't really need to know much about waves except a few applications and main concepts, whereas those who ARE pursuing college would need maths application as well as a strong understanding of waves at the college level. Same is true for many other topics and the other sciences as well. The students should have the opportunity to choose the level based on their interests; if you want to do more you have to know more. Having one standards set that prepares students for both life and college while being proficient at both levels is tedious to unravel in the classroom.

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