

The Maine Educator Effectiveness Council

November 30, 2012

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
Maine State Legislature

Dear Chairs and Committee Members:

The Maine Educator Effectiveness Council was created by Public Law 2011, chapter 635 to develop recommendations for implementation of the new Maine law requiring teacher and principal evaluation and support systems in all Maine public schools. The Council is a stakeholder group that has worked exhaustively over the Summer and Fall to study evaluation and support systems around the country and to develop consensus recommendations on implementing such systems in Maine schools.

As required by Public Law 2011, chapter 635, section A-5, we are submitting this report describing the Council's work and setting forth the consensus recommendations of the Council, as of November 1st, 2012. The Council considers this report to be an interim report of our activities, since we intend to continue meeting to address matters that were not fully addressed before the November 1st reporting deadline.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet in person with your committee to discuss the report and any updates to the report that are developed in the next few months. Please let us know if and when we might have the chance to meet with you. The Council looks forward to providing input to your deliberations on this very important issue.

On behalf of the Council:



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Council Co-Chair



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