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Graduation: Recommendations from the Stakeholders' group

The Stakeholders completed their work and presented their recommendations for creating a system of graduation that is standards-based. The report is presented as a PowerPoint (only) and is available in its entirety at:

<http://www.state.me.us/education/diploma/finalreport.pdf>

If you would like more information about the group's intentions or how it arrived at its conclusions, notes from each work session can be found

at: <http://www.state.me.us/education/diploma/index.html>

In moving forward, the legislature will hold a public hearing on this bill at a time yet to be determined. In January, the stakeholders group will hold information sessions around the state to discuss its recommendations.

Presidential Inauguration: History, Tradition, and the Constitution

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New England Secondary School Consortium

A new collaborative effort by Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island has been recently announced to foster forward-thinking innovations in the design and delivery of secondary education across the New England region. This is entirely separate from the NECAP partnership and is funded by a million dollar grant.

To see video of the announcement:

<http://www.state.me.us/education/highschool/index.html>.

Or to visit the consortium's home page: <http://www.newenglandssc.org/>.