



126th Maine Legislature
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Senator Rebecca J. Millett
Senate Chair

Representative W. Bruce MacDonald
House Chair

AGENDA

Monday, November 25, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Cross State Office Building, Room #202

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Committee Members

Senator Millett, Senate Chair and Representative MacDonald, House Chair

2. Briefing on the Proposed Changes to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation Bylaws (*P.L. 2013, c. 367, "An Act Regarding the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation"*)

Mark Vogelzang, President and CEO, MPBN; Henry Schmelzer, Chair, MPBN Board of Trustees; Karl Turner, Member, MPBN Board of Trustees; Clare Hannan, Vice President for Administration & CFO; and James Zimpritch, MPBN Corporate Attorney

3. Briefing and Panel Discussions on Early Childhood Education and Prekindergarten Programs (*LD 1530, "An Act To Establish a Process for the Implementation of Universal Voluntary Prekindergarten Education"*)

Panel #1: Child/Brain Development and the Critical Nature of Early Childhood Education
(10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

Sen. Eloise Vitelli; and Dr. Judy Cameron, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Science Outreach, University of Pittsburgh

Panel #2: The Economic Rationale for Investment in Early Childhood Education
(11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Bill Libby, *Mission: Readiness*; and Mark Westrum, *Fight Crime: Invest In Kids*

Panel #3: What Investing in Prekindergarten Programs in Maine Should Look Like
(12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Rosalie Perkins, Program Coordinator, RSU1 *Pre-K CHOICES*; Patrick Manuel, Superintendent, RSU1; Bob Parlin, Director, *Family Focus*; Kathryn Colfer, Director, Child & Family Services, *Educare Central Maine*; Eric Haley, Superintendent, Waterville Schools; and Judy Reidt-Parker, Program Associate, *John T. Gorman Foundation*

4. Adjournment

Announcements & Committee Schedule