

**MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAINE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION  
Student Transfers Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (in person)  
Burton Cross State Office Building  
Room 103 A  
111 Sewall Street  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Also Virtually Via Zoom  
December 19, 2024 – 2:00 PM**

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AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. TITLE 20-A §5205(6)(F), STATE BOARD REVIEW OF STUDENT TRANSFERS

F. If dissatisfied with the commissioner's decision, a parent of a student requesting transfer or either superintendent may, within 10 calendar days of the commissioner's decision, request that the state board review the transfer. The state board shall review the superintendents' determinations and communicate with the commissioner, the superintendents and the parent of the student. The state board may approve or disapprove the transfer. The state board shall make a decision within 45 calendar days of receiving the request and shall provide to the parent of the student, the superintendents and the commissioner a written decision describing the basis of the state board's determination. The state board's decision is final and binding.

3. INTERPRETATION OF “THE STUDENT’S BEST INTEREST”
  - Title 20-A §5205(6)(A)(1)

**6. Transfer students.** The following provisions apply to transfers of students from one school administrative unit to another.

A. Two superintendents may approve the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another if:

- (1) They find that a transfer is in the student's best interest; and
- (2) The student's parent approves.

The superintendents shall notify the commissioner of any transfer approved under this paragraph. If either of the superintendents decides not to approve the transfer, that superintendent shall provide to the parent of the student requesting transfer under this paragraph a written description of the basis of that superintendent's determination.

4. CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT PROCESS OF THE STATE BOARD
5. CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT PROCESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS
6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES TO IMPROVE CURRENT PROCESSES
7. NEXT STEPS