From the President . . .

Lori Smail, Principal, Winthrop Middle School
and President of the MPA

These are unprecedented times in the world and in particular in the field of education. Many people think that school is back to normal. I have heard it said, “You are having a regular year”, well…. I am not sure that I would constitute school year 2022/2023 as “regular”. Education has changed over the past few years, and yes, we are back to a more typical routine and structure, but the pandemic has changed education and schools. Covid afforded schools with supports to help our students, but just because the pandemic is over, does not mean we do not continue to need these supports. Covid exacerbated and highlighted the needs of our staff and students that were there prior to March 2020, therefore, we still need the supports. You have led your students, staff, and communities through something we did not have training for; there was no manual on how to be a Principal during a pandemic. You have all risen to the challenge and do the hard work day in and day out for the students and staff.

The work that is being done in Maine Schools is exceptional!

I have had the privilege as your President to witness the work that is being done on behalf of the students and staff on a daily basis throughout the state, an experience I do not take for granted. Maine is a true leader in the Country for our dedication and professionalism and the way in which we lead our schools. As Educational Leaders we are experiencing an attack on our profession and we deserve respect, we are losing outstanding individuals and the ones who suffer are our students.

We have an impact each and every day in the lives of our school family. Relationships matter and I encourage you to continue to reach out to your colleagues and support each other. The MPA offers virtual meetings weekly for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. This is an opportunity to discuss current issues in your schools and receive support and creative ideas from other Principals who are facing or who have faced the same challenges.

It is my hope that the summer affords you an opportunity to reflect on all that you have accomplished, take time to breathe in the fresh air, and recharge. As you plan for the “NEW YEAR” think about your peers, and reach out. There is no one else who understands the role you play better than those who live it. There are amazing things going on in each and every building in each region across the state!

Interested in Becoming A Mentor for A New Principal or Assistant Principal?

The MPA is proud to offer mentor/coaching for new principals and assistant principals in our state. The program, now in its 17th year, has the highest number of new administrators working with mentor/coaches in MPA history.

The MPA will offer a Mentor/Coach Orientation and Training on August 9, 2023 at the MPA office. Give consideration to joining the cadre of trained mentor/coaches who are giving back to the profession by working closely with our newest colleagues.

Click HERE for more information. 
Click HERE for Application.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP ALL NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Are you in the process of hiring someone new to administration?

Click HERE for more information on the Mentor Program and Click HERE to apply to be matched with a TRAINED, EXPERIENCED mentor!

Give your new hires the opportunity to be the best they can be for their school and your district! (No person named for this position yet? Sign them up as “TBD” and save them a space in the program—space IS limited!)
The MPA is listing job postings for administrative positions (principal, assistant principal, dean of students, CTE directors, etc.) on the www.mpaprof.org website AT NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS! The only thing we will need is the title of the position, your district name, the date the application closes if you have one, and the link that will take potential applicants to YOUR site. Please email your job opening to Tammy at tmcnear@mpa.cc.

**Maine Special Education School Law Summer Institute**
8 interactive Zoom sessions!  
July 10—20, 2023  
Monday-Thursday | 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Registration | $1,250 (includes tuition & required materials)

Click HERE to register.

**Maine School Finance Summer Institute**
July 25, 2023 ~ 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
(Four-Day Institute) ~ Registration | $1,400

Click HERE to register.

**Maine School Law Summer Institute**
8 Interactive Zoom Sessions!  
August 7, 2023 ~ 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
~ Registration | $1,250

Click HERE to register.

**Great Beginnings: An Orientation for New School Administrators Series**  
with Chad Bell, Principal, Winslow High School and  
Jennifer McGee, Principal, Atwood (Ralph) M. School, Oakland

Session I ~ 8/10/23  *  Session II ~ 10/12/23  
Session III ~ 2/1/24  *  Session IV ~ 4/9/23

$539.00 Registration Fee for the Four-Part Session Series.

Click HERE for More Information and to Register.

**ED 596: Innovative Leadership Course**
October 23, 2023 through December 15, 2023

The MPA and Thomas College has once again partnered to offer a 3-credit graduate course for any educator that can be used toward a Graduate Degree or for recertification, at a reduced cost!!

Click HERE for more information and to register.

**How to Stay Ahead In A World of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workshop**  
with Jethro Jones  
Friday, October 13, 2023  
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
More Information to Follow.

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Hello Colleagues,

It’s hard to believe we are on the home stretch of this 2022-2023 school year! Thank you all for the amazing work you do each and every day (and night)! This past March Maine sent a delegation to the National School Leaders Advocacy Conference, a joint conference of NAESP and NASSP. While in D.C. we participated in daily sessions to prepare our conversation that took place at the end of our conference, on Capitol Hill.

NAESP’s Advocacy Priorities on Capitol Hill continue to be:

1. Secure robust federal funding for programs like Title II, Part A, that support the preparation, training, and support of principals.
2. Advocate for professional development and mentoring programs that strengthen principals’ knowledge of early childhood education and provide federal funding streams for high-quality early education.

Reauthorize the Higher Education Act to improve principal recruitment, preparation, and retention and include provisions to boost clinical-oriented preparation to help principals better meet the day-to-day challenges in schools.

This is a great time to renew your membership for next year! Please encourage your colleagues to also be members, as many school departments will pay for your membership to the MPA and a national association. Together we are stronger and the MPA/NAESP needs your membership.

If you have any questions, comments, or need support, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me! I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and can enjoy some time recharging! I hope to see some of you in National Harbor, MD for the National NAESP Conference in July! ~ Sincerely, Mike Davis
Maine Association of Broadcasters Student Broadcaster Scholarship Program

**GENERAL INTENT:** The Maine Association of Broadcasters believes that the future of our industry lies with our young people—and providing an incentive for Maine students to pursue educational opportunities in the fields of broadcasting, audio/video production, digital arts, certain engineering fields and related courses of study will enhance that objective.

**WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR AN MAB SCHOLARSHIP?:** Students who are permanent residents of Maine, have declared a communications-related major and are in the process of enrolling or are currently enrolled at an accredited institution are encouraged to apply for a **$2,000 Scholarship**. Such institutions include vocational schools, 2 or 4-year colleges or universities offering degrees in radio and/or television broadcasting, audio/video production, digital arts/web design, engineering fields with potential broadcast application and other fields which may prepare students for broadcast station employment. The school does not need to be within Maine.

**HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?:** The Maine Association of Broadcasters Board of Directors will select all Scholarship Award winners based on the recommendation of the MAB Scholarship Committee, based on factors such as financial needs, academic merit, community service, work experience and the satisfaction of requirements for areas of study. The number of Scholarships awarded will vary from year to year, based on the Yearly Financial Budget of the Association. The MAB reserves the right to either increase or decrease the number of scholarships awarded based on the caliber of the applications received.

**HOW AND WHEN ARE AWARDS DISTRIBUTED?:** Scholarship payments will be made payable to both the student and the school and will be awarded in time for the Active Year’s Fall Semester. Students receiving a scholarship will be contacted and a check presentation will be arranged. The MAB reserves the right to withdraw the award if the circumstances of the student have changed from the time of application to the time of the award, pertinent to the selection criteria outlined above.

**WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?:** Please complete the Application and return to the Maine Association of Broadcasters by **6/30/2023**. Email to: tmoore@mab.org or Mail to: Maine Association of Broadcasters, 91 Auburn Street Suite J #1150, Portland, ME 04103

Applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered.

Click on the link below for an application.

Help Me Grow is a central access point designed to connect families to information and services about child development and community resources.

In partnership with 211 Maine caregivers and providers can contact Help Me Grow for additional support. Help Me Grow will listen, link families to services, and provide follow-up to both caregivers and referral sources.

**Eligibility**
We are available at no cost to all Maine children, birth to eight, and their families/caregivers. Parents can also call for assistance during pregnancy.

**Centralized Access Point**
We assist caregivers and child health providers in connecting children to the grid of existing community and State resources that can help them thrive, through a "warm hand-off" from families to resources.

**Resources**
We help support a network of connected service providers, that can effectively serve families in Maine who have a variety of needs.

**Developmental Screening**
We promote working with families to recognize developmental milestones and utilize the Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ) to assess development. If concerns are identified in the screening process, we work with families to connect to early intervention professionals for further assessment.

**Consider Referring A Family When:**
- You are unsure what services a family might be eligible for, but know they need support.
- A family needs additional support navigating next steps in accessing resources (CDS, WIC, etc.).
- A screening needs to be completed, or family needs support completing an online ASQ®.

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Response to Active School Shooter Sanford Hoax Lessons Learned

Join us for virtual training on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 9-noon, featuring:

A comprehensive review of the actions taken by law enforcement, fire and EMS, school, and other city departments, in response to the report of an active shooting at Sanford High School on November 15, 2022.

Sanford Police Chief Craig L. Andersen
- Review of the information received and actions taken by the Sanford Regional Communication Center.
- Details and timeline of initial and mutual aid law enforcement response.
- Challenges encountered by law enforcement at the school.
- Coordination and staging of EMS.
- Law Enforcement/School Department pre-planning, preparation, and partnership.
- Managing media information and misinformation.
- Handling distraught parents traveling to and arriving on the scene.
- Student/Parent reunification process.
- Psychological impacts of the event on students, staff, and responders.

This review will identify both positive and negative aspects of the response, what went well, what could have been done better, as well as suggestions for other communities preparing for this type of event.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Law Enforcement
School Administrators

COST
Only $50 per attendee. Class size limited – register soon!

REGISTER
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Maine Chiefs of Police Association

Attendees will be provided a Zoom link a few days prior to the training.

Questions: Brian.MacMaster@maine.gov
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Student Council State Conference
May 23, 2023 ~ UMO
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MPA Hall of Excellence Banquet
May 25, 2023

Thank you to Lifetouch School Portraits for Sponsoring the 2023 MPA’s Hall of Excellence.

Welcome
Mike Burriham, Executive Director | Interscholastic Division

Co-Host
Mike Bisson, Assistant Executive Director

Honorees:
John Casavola
Jesse Labreck
John "Jack" Scott
Al Halliday
Phil Mateja
Roger Shaw
Wayne Quint
Steve Solloway
Harold "Paul" Violette
Ian Wilson

Closing Remarks
Mike Burriham, Executive Director | Interscholastic Division
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