

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [Makin, Pender](#)
Subject: RE: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 3:10:00 PM

[REDACTED] – none of that could be done without the GO first giving approval. The last PM and I spoke about this, she was considering reaching out to [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] to inquire. I hope they will allow her to do something before she gets to the TOY Gala on Saturday...

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 2:18 PM
To: [REDACTED] Makin, Pender
<Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators

For what it's worth—my opinion is that a bigger conversation with the Governor's Office regarding communication to the field could be beneficial to us all. If I can help in any way with making that happen—let me know,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 8:44 AM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators

My vote is that the field needs to hear from you... they need reassurance from their leader and the silence is not helpful... we got another one over weekend from Freeport.

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From: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 9:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators

You know, I would love to do this. I wonder if I could show [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the video I made at the beginning of the pandemic and explain that just some sort of message that says we are here and all in this together could go a long way to help the field feel less alone and confused

I don't need to give them legal advice or any specific answer answers — I could just provide a message, letting people know that we are doing the right thing and that if the

US Constitution holds, we should be fine! Maybe if they saw the video I made at the beginning of Covid they would understand that it doesn't have to be something controversial...??

Pender Makin
Commissioner
Maine Department of Education

From: DOE, Commish <Commish.DOE@maine.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 4:10:21 PM
To: Makin, Pender <Pender.Makin@maine.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators

P – the field wants to hear from you... see below.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 11:33 AM
To: DOE, Commish <Commish.DOE@maine.gov>
Subject: Request for a message from you directly to Maine educators

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Dear Commissioner Makin,

At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, you sent a positive and impactful video message to Maine Educators. This helped to create a sense of solidarity and shared concern for the forces rocking Maine school and the lives of everyone in the larger community.

In light of the massive changes to the federal Department of Education and the disruptions to all aspects of the federal government and civil services, it would be wonderful to hear from you again. I understand that this is a big ask and that there is likely little you can say with certainty. However, with the new [EndDEI web form](#) launched this week and the threat of the loss of all federal funding to Maine, many educators are shaken and feeling vulnerable.

Hearing from you that we will stand together as a community would be a gift to Maine educators. I would like to hear in particular that the Maine DOE will offer support to any school or district targeted for investigation as a result of reports of "divisive ideologies and indoctrination" or "illegal discriminatory practices at institutions of learning."

Thank you for all you do for Maine students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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