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Hi Pender,

I hope you are well & enjoying your job. It will be tougher now given the ascent of Trump!

I along with others are very concerned about our refugee/immigrant student population's safety given Trump's executive orders aimed at those populations. In Portland, Lewiston/Auburn, Biddeford & a few other places in Maine the issue is particularly pressing. Please do everything you can to bring Superintendents together to support them in planning for this imminent threat.

I'm sooo happy that you are there in your leadership position because I know what a champion you are for those who are at risk!

As always if there is anything I can do as a volunteer to help just let me know.

Mary Jane McCalmon

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"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire" W. B. Yeats