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MEMORANDUM

TO: First Congressional District High School Principals and
School Counselors

FROM: Ann Weisleder, Chair
Maine State Board of Education

DATE: March 13, 2009

RE: Applications for Student Member to the State Board of Education

It is time for the Maine State Board of Education to open the application process that will end with the appointment of a new student member. This year we are accepting applications from schools in the First Congressional District. The student applicant must be a current sophomore in good standing so that the successful candidate will be seated as a high school junior and will serve the Board for two years.

Student members serve the Maine State Board of Education as members with “voice but not vote.” The Board will expect student members to have all the responsibilities and privileges of regular Board members. The responsibilities include: being informed about current education issues, carefully preparing for regular monthly meetings, participating actively in the discussions of the Board, and participating in the responsibilities of the Student Voices Committee. The privileges include: a per diem of \$55.00 per day, mileage reimbursement, and an extraordinary opportunity to practice civic engagement while serving as both a representative of Maine students and an active Maine education leader. In short, student members will be the same as adult members, save the vote.

The State Board believes that strong student voices will enrich our work and the educational community in Maine. We certainly appreciate your role in this endeavor and in helping us move forward on this second year of our initiative. We ask that you personally make copies of the enclosed application form available to interested students in your school.

Please note that the deadline for our receipt of the application and accompanying materials is April 15, 2009. Completed applications should be addressed to Mary Becker, Maine State Board of Education, 23 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0023 and received by 5:00 PM, April 15, 2009. All materials and further information are also available on the State Board of Education web page <http://www.maine.gov/education/sb/homepage.htm>, by contacting Mary Becker, Board Assistant (Mary.Becker@maine.gov) or me (notchmom@aol.com).

Once applications are received they are considered by a process described in Maine Education and School Statutes, Title 20-A, Chapter 5, State Board of Education. This Chapter also describes the roles and responsibilities of the State Board.

Thank you for your role in making student membership on the State Board of Education a success.

Enclosures: