

Newsletter for August 2024

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2024-2025 Membership Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that 2024-2025 membership renewals are due. If you plan to attend our September 27 meeting, your dues should be current prior to that date. If you need another copy of your invoice, please send an email to [Joanne](#).

Join us for our first meeting of 2024-2025

Our September 27 meeting will be hosted by the Capital Area Technical Center in Augusta. Our breakfast sponsor will be [Northeast Bank](#). We will be joined by Representative Jack Ducharme of Madison. Representative Ducharme is the ranking Republican member of the Appropriations Committee. If you have specific topics you would like Representative Ducharme to address, or questions, please let [Joanne](#) know by August 30. Jim Chasse of MDOE's Learning Through Technology Team will also be with us to discuss technology developments impacting school business management, to include AI guidance being developed by MDOE. Finally, the MEPRI Team will be on hand to discuss the survey work regarding the legislatively required review of EPS and GPA, Resolve, Chapter 164. If you would like to review the requirements of the Resolve prior to our meeting, you may find it [here](#). Please RSVP to this meeting by completing this [form](#). RSVPs are due by Tuesday, September 17. As this is a new process for RSVPs, if you have difficulty accessing or completing the form, please email your RSVP to [Joanne](#), with a description of what went wrong when trying to use the form. A detailed agenda and other supporting documents will be sent to registered attendees in advance of the meeting.

Upcoming MeASBO Professional Development Opportunities

MeASBO's annual Law Conference with Drummond Woodsum will be held on Friday, October 18 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Our November 8 in-person meeting will feature the MDOE Federal Fiscal teams and the Data Team and will be hosted by Hancock County Technical Center in Ellsworth.

Our February 28 meeting will showcase the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards, discussing wage and hour information pertinent to Maine schools. This meeting will be held at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

Our April 4 meeting will include our annual meeting requirements of electing new board members, as well as professional development offerings. The location of this meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center.

Lunch and Learns will continue later this fall; if you have a topic that you feel would be pertinent for a lunchtime session, please reach out to [Joanne](#).

News and Upcoming Events from Our Partners

ASBO International

A new podcast of "School Business Insider" is available via [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#). The topic is "Laying the Foundation: Long-Range Facilities Planning in Schools".

Maine Loves Public Schools

Established in 2023, the Maine Loves Public Schools Initiative celebrates school communities by sharing stories to promote positive public engagement with Maine's public schools. These great stories are shared across a variety of platforms; please give them a look and if you have a story you wish to share, go to the "Get Involved" link at <https://www.maine loves public schools.org/>

Other ways to view content (be sure to like and share!):

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mainelovespublicschools>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mainelovespublicschools>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@mainelovespublicschools>
- X (formerly Twitter): <https://x.com/MElovesPS>

Maine Department of Education

Federal Fiscal Programs

Mark your calendars for this event:



School Finance

Upcoming School Finance office hours are scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 and Tuesday, October 15 at 10:00 AM. You may access the session via the [MDOE Calendar](#).

NEO Help Desk

A webinar focused solely on the NEO Transportation Module will be held on Tuesday, August 27 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

Staff data entry is coming up and as we all know, that's an important data point in the calculation of state subsidy. A staff data entry webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, with a companion webinar on October 1 at 12:00 regarding the certification of the staff report.

Another important data point in subsidy calculation is student economic status; join the NEO on Thursday, September 5, for a webinar at 12:00 pm regarding this important data submission.

To prepare for October 1 enrollment reporting, a webinar will be held on September 24 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

More information for all events, including the registration link for these events, is available via the [MDOE calendar](#)

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The Office of Maine Care Services is excited to share new resources where you can learn more about how Maine Care Covered Services are delivered in Maine schools. All courses may be accessed using a desktop, tablet, or mobile device. For more information and specific course

offerings, visit <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/providers/childrens-services/school-health-related-services>

Maine Department of Labor

Upcoming Wage & Hour Compliance classes:

This course is designed for human resource or benefits professionals, accountants, business owners, managers, or payroll supervisors. Labor laws can be complex. This seminar covers wage and hour laws, including minimum wage, overtime, youth employment, severance pay, equal pay, rest breaks, leave requirements (earned paid leave, family medical leave, family sick leave and leave for victims of violence). This class addresses commonly asked labor-related questions.

September 4, 2024 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Northern Maine Community College, Edmunds Center, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle

September 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SafetyWorks! Training Institute, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta

September 18, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sanford Adult Education, 668 Main Street, Sanford

Register and browse classes:

https://www.safetyworksmaine.gov/training/scheduled_classes/register.shtml

If you have questions about safety or upcoming classes, reach out to SafetyWorks! at 1-877-SAFE-345 or general.bls-safetyworks@maine.gov.

If you have questions about Wage and Hour compliance, please reach out to the Wage and Hour Division at 207-623-7900 or bls.mdol@maine.gov, or visit www.maine.gov/labor/bls/.

MainePERS

MainePERS offers virtual employer training. The next session is on Thursday, September 26, with registration due by Monday, September 16. To view the agenda and register, click [here](#).

Maine Revenue Services

Review recent copies of “Maine Tax Alert” [here](#) . The 2024 State Tax Symposium, to be held virtually on September 18. The event will cover recent tax updates and provide information regarding the Maine Tax Portal.



[Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#)

[What will the Supreme Court's October 2024 term bring for K-12? – K-12 Dive](#)

[How to Accelerate Adoption of Zero-Emission School Buses – School Bus Fleet](#)

[Researchers: Higher Special Education Funding Not Tied to Better Outcomes – The 74](#)

[Top legal hurdles facing schools in 2024-25](#)



MeASBO Website

Be sure to check out the “Shared Documents” section of our website, found under the Member Center as there are lots of new additions to this section. A big “thank you” to all of the contributors of documents!

MeASBO List Serve and Forums

The MeASBO List Serve has been reactivated and a test message sent to all members last month. If you did not receive the message, please check your “spam” folder and if it’s not there and you wish to participate in the list serve, please reach out to [Joanne](#) as the list serve is being actively

utilized to communicate information to members. The address to submit correspondence to the list serve is: measbolistserv@measbo.memberclicks.net

If you are a vendor member, remember that there is a forum board specifically for you. This allows you to support our members through providing educational information, and continue to build positive, supportive relationships with our members. The forum is moderated by MeASBO leadership to maintain the goals and objectives of the forum board.