

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message



Greetings Colleagues

It is the end of June. We all are awaiting a state budget. Using our calls, testimony, emails and our efforts to inform and educate legislators, we sit hoping that educational policy is not being determined by back-room deals and caucus negotiations to “give to get”. School may be out and students

may be headed to their family vacations or theme-based camps, but our work is not done.

In addition to advocating for legislation that will best benefit our students, we need to continue to communicate and demonstrate the successes of our students. As I mentioned last month, we have much to celebrate. We have communities that come together to celebrate our graduates. We have the opportunity to write our own stories, paint our own pictures and sing our own songs.

As we finish June, I want you to know what an honor it has been to serve you all as President of our organization. In the past year and a half, we have begun to regain our collective voices. We have identified important messages to share with our school communities, our residents, our legislators and even within our own association. This has been a together effort. We have learned the importance of advocacy. Through the reminders of AASA and Noelle Ellerson, we have learned that this takes a continuous effort to effect change and make a difference.

I will continue to serve and work for you in my new role. Never, as the year began, did I ever think that I would become Executive Director of MSMA this July. I look forward to seeing you often. I am hoping that you will call or communicate often, either to share positive stories or to problem solve issues where we may serve our students and districts better. My cell number will remain the same (207) 232-0264 and my email will be [sbailey@msmaweb.com](mailto:sbailey@msmaweb.com).

In closing, I want to thank you again for all you do for your districts, your regions and your colleagues throughout the state. We are stronger together, and we have only just begun. You are in extremely good hands as I turn the Presidency to Betsy Webb. I look forward to working with her, the new

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## Think about joining AASA

American Association of School Administrators (AASA) is a well-organized, collaborative network where you can engage with the leading superintendents from across the country.

AASA puts the most informative resources in your hands. Superintendents depend on AASA to stay current with news, ideas and connections that help advance the profession and individual careers.

Resources include:

**School Administrator**— The award-winning monthly magazine for members offers big-picture perspectives and collegial discussions on a broad range of topics in education, leadership, instructional materials and resources.

**AASA Toolkits**— Fact sheets, sample letters to the editor, talking points and other resources about the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

**Electronic Newsletters**— AASA delivers the latest education news to your laptop, desktop or mobile device.

- *AASA Executive Briefing*
- *AASA News of the Nation*
- *The Leader's Edge*

AASA is your advocate for education policy. AASA's advocacy means your interests are represented on Capitol Hill and in the White House. AASA fights for funding and works for a better relationship between federal, state and local governments. AASA's advocacy supports member efforts to be directly involved in federal policy discussions — including legislation, funding and regulation.

AASA members engage with each other. Collaboration with other superintendents is a priority for AASA members: leading the discussion about effective public education in America, advocating for the needs of superintendents and administrators and sharing best practices among school districts across the country. AASA gives you direct access to build these valuable relationships through a variety of groups, formats and venues.

Click [here](#) to access a membership enrollment form.

Website: [www.aasa.org](http://www.aasa.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AASAPage](https://www.facebook.com/AASAPage)

## MSSA Mission Statement

*The Maine School Superintendents Association (MSSA) is an organization that is committed to leadership:*

- *Leadership to provide equity, create opportunities for and promote the success of every student;*
- *Leadership to develop ethical, visionary and competent leaders by*
  - *Offering professional learning opportunities for leaders*
  - *Promoting community and legislative support for education*
  - *Providing member services*

### Core Values and Beliefs

We believe members shall:

- *Maintain high expectations for all students, staff and ourselves*
- *Advocate for resources essential to student learning*
- *Act with integrity and model professional behavior*
- *Champion the advancement of public education*

## For a Leader...

*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.*

~John C. Maxwell, American author

## Annual MSMA Golf Scramble

Monday, July 17, 2017

11:00 a.m. light lunch & putting contest

Tee-off at Noon

Plans are underway for the *Annual MSMA Golf Scramble*. You are invited to come and join fellow members of the education community for a fun day of golf. Once again we will be playing at The Meadows Golf Course, 495 Huntington Hill Road in Litchfield.

For more information and a registration form click [here](#).

### President's Message

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slate of officers, the Executive Committee and Regional Presidents as we enter the new year. Keep engaged, mentor a colleague, stay connected, create and sustain a network. I hope to see you soon and often.

Steve Bailey  
President

### **From President-Elect Betsy Webb**

I look forward to the privilege of serving as the President of MSSA during the 2017-2018 school year. Together with the MSBA and other partners, our calling is to be Maine educational leaders advocating for PreK-12 public schools and a high quality education for all students in order to ensure our graduates are college, career, and life ready!

With Steve Bailey as the Executive Director of MSMA and the outstanding staff at MSMA supporting both MSSA and MSBA, we are well positioned to hit the ground running this fall. Top priorities include hiring the MSMA Deputy Executive Director over the summer, who serves as the Executive Director of MSSA, and improved communication and support to our members.

As our speaker at the Winter Convocation, Dr. Liz City shared, we cannot allow anyone to create our future story! Many will try and have been trying to do so for awhile, but we must determine what the future story of Maine public education will be and lead the way to that vision.

We know from our training with Dr. City, leaders see challenges as opportunities and during times of challenge, it is not always about reacting to others. Rather leaders challenge themselves to develop solutions and create visions. Although our districts have unique situations and we do not agree on everything all the time, we have more in common than we think.

When creating our future, it will be important to determine the answers to the following questions: What do we know?, Where have we been?, Where do we want to be? and How do we get there? Let's find these answers together, set a strategic plan, and commit to staying the course with one strong voice. Our students deserve a high quality education that prepares them for a bright future!

Please contact me with thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns regarding the future of our organization.  
[bwebb@bangorschools.net](mailto:bwebb@bangorschools.net) or 992-4153.

Thank you,

Betsy Webb  
President-Elect



*Listed below are the most recent  
committee assignments for 2017-18*

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**MAINE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION  
OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, and LIAISONS  
2017-2018**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Betsy Webb		President	Eileen King	(Mid Coast)	2019
Patrick Manuel		President-Elect	Timothy Doak	(Aroostook)	2019
Scott Porter		Vice President	James Stoneton	(Penquis)	2019
Richard Colpitts		Secretary	Heather Perry	(Cumberland)	2020
Steve Bailey		Past President	Daniel Higgins	(Hancock)	2020
Ronald Ramsay	(At-Large)	2018	James Anastasio	(Kennebec)	2020
Dominic DePatsy	(AASA Liaison)	2018	Ronald Jenkins	(Washington)	2020
Steve Connolly	(York)	2019	Vacant	(Western Maine)	2018

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Roger Shaw, Chair	(Aroostook)	2019	Scott Porter	(Washington)	2020
Mark Hurvitt	(Hancock)	2019	Jason Tardy	(Kennebec)	2020
Susan Pratt	(Western Maine)	2019	Andrew Dolloff	(Cumberland)	2018
Dianne Helprin	(Mid Coast)	2019	Gwen Smith	(Penquis)	2018
Mary Nash	(York)	2020			

**FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Heather Perry, Chair	(Cumberland)	2019	Rick Green	(Western Maine)	2018
Ellen Schneider	(Aroostook)	2019	Howard Tuttle	(Mid Coast)	2020
Pat Hopkins	(Kennebec)	2019	David Theoharides	(York)	2018
Scott Porter	(Washington)	2019	Mike Eastman	(Hancock)	2018
Keith Laser	(Penquis)	2018			

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CURRICULUM**

**ASSESSMENT & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Susan Pratt, Chair	(Western Maine)	2020	Maria Libby	(Mid-Coast)	2019
Terry Comeau	(Aroostook)	2018	Ann Kirkpatrick	(Penquis)	2019
Kathy Germani	(Cumberland)	2018	Ronald Ramsay	(Washington)	2020
Katrina Kane	(Hancock)	2018	Dominic DePatsy	(York)	2020
Peter Thiboutot	(Kennebec)	2019			

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES  
COMMITTEE**

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Betsy Webb, Chair	2020
Geoff Bruno	2019
David Walker	2019
Patrick Manuel	2018
William Webster	2018
Timothy Doak	2020

Brent Colbry
Andrew Dolloff
Marc Gousse
Thomas Ward
Vacant

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**Committee assignments***(continued from page 3)***SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE**

Timothy Doak  
 Andrew Dolloff  
 Susan Pratt  
 William Webster  
 Vacant

**REPRESENTATIVES AND LIAISONS**

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|---|--|
| 1. Office of Substance Abuse              | Richard Colpitts                           |
| 2. DOE - Division of Certification        | Vacant/Heather Perry                       |
| 3. DOE - Vocational Education             | David Walker                               |
| 4. Maine State Board of Education         | Betsy Webb                                 |
| 5. Maine Principals' Association          | Vacant/ Kevin Jordan/Roger Shaw            |
| 6. Principals' Academy                    | James Boothby                              |
| 7. NEASS                                  | James Hodgkin/David Murphy/Ellen Schneider |
| 8. MADSEC                                 | Heather Wilmot                             |
| 9. Project Impact                         | Ann Kirkpatrick/Stacey Shorey              |
| 10. AASA Governing Board                  | Dominic DePatsy - 2018/Susan Pratt - 2020  |
| 11. Maine School Food Service Association | Susan Pratt                                |
| 12. C13 – Military Families               | Brian Carpenter/John Backus                |

**MSMA ACTION COMMITTEE**

Roger Shaw, Chair	(E)	2019
Patricia Hopkins	(A)	2020
Eileen King	(E)	2020
Betsy Webb	(A)	2018
William Webster	(A)	2019

# Mark Your Calendar



EVENT	VENUE	DATE	
<b>AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference</b>	Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill Washington, D.C.	7/10-7/12/17	<a href="#">Registration form</a>
<b>Annual MSMA Golf Scramble</b>	The Meadows Golf Course Litchfield, Maine	7/17/17	<a href="#">Registration form</a>
<b>2018 National Conference on Education— <i>Education in the Digital Age</i></b>	Nashville, TN	2/15-2/17/18	<a href="#">Save the date</a>

## AASA National Superintendent of the Year



### About the Program

Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, the AASA National Superintendent of the Year Program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead our nation's public schools. This program is sponsored by Aramark, VALIC and AASA.

### Eligibility

Any superintendent, chancellor or top leader of a school system in the United States who plans to continue in the profession may be nominated. This program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, front-line superintendents. It is not recognition of service at retirement or a program to reward current state or national leaders.

**Nominations are now open for the 2018 AASA National Superintendent of the Year Award.**

**Nomination Deadline: August 4, 2017**

Click [here](#) for more information.

## MSSA Assistant Superintendent of the Year

Beginning in 2016, MSSA honors an Assistant Superintendent of the Year, in recognition of the vital role played in the district by professionals holding that position.

For complete information on the nomination process for 2018, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a nomination form.



**If you have questions about any articles in this newsletter or suggestions for improving this publication, please let us know.**

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