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From the Chair

What? It's October, 2016, schools are already in overdrive, the election season is inescapable, and the Educational Leadership program faculty is excited to be a partner with our southern Maine community of educators. We are presently involved in three major areas of endeavor, preparing new leaders in cohorts, engaging in the next wave of doctoral studies in public policy and leadership, and taking the next steps in growing the Southern Maine Partnership. We are welcoming the next generation of leaders with rigorous learning experiences, coursework, internships, and research.

The Leadership for Tomorrow's Schools is a signature program originating in the Educational Leadership program at USM and now beginning its 12th cohort of aspiring leaders. We have 22 graduate students taking their first course, in a series of graduate courses being hosted at the exciting and architecturally spectacular Wentworth School in Scarborough. The purpose of this cohort is to develop both school building level leaders along with teacher leaders. So far the new doctoral cadre is in its first semester of studies. Next semester 25 students will be taking their first research methods course with Dr. Jeff Beaudry and Dr. Anita Stewart McCafferty. As the years progress these students will need your help to find sites for their studies, and in the mean time you may be able to provide them with opportunities for professional dialogue and inspiration. Yet another cohort in Educational Leadership is being hosted in Oxford Hills, sparked by the leadership of Dr. Patrick Hartnett, a new graduate of the leadership degree in public policy. We hope to initiate more off-campus cohorts as the need for graduate studies continues to grow.

As co-director of the Southern Maine Partnership, I am proud to serve the leadership in our region with an innovative and in-depth program of professional learning opportunities. After consulting with leaders throughout the region, co-director Dr. Anita Stewart McCafferty and I have developed a program of more twenty events to involve role-alike groups - school superintendents, principals, curriculum coordinators and teachers in timely, focused professional development in teacher effectiveness, high quality classroom assessment, data literacy and balanced assessment systems. The Southern Maine Partnership invites you to become more involved in and lead these events as we seek to build regional collaboration to build leadership capacity, develop instructional leaders who understand high impact strategies for student growth, and expand the connections to our southern Maine communities.

Finally, I am writing this brief memo on Monday, October 3 while attending the Maine Arctic Forum at Hannaford Hall at USM. Senator Angus King just spoke about the vital role of Maine and USM in one of the defining events of our time, the rise in sea temperature and the melting of the Arctic ice sheet. Senator King participated with the SMP last November in a Dine and Discuss event and offered his support and participation in future SMP forums. The Arctic Forum event is relevant to educators as this is the world that preK-12 students will understand. We want to make these connections as we continue to meet and work with you through the next year.

OK, one last thing, the Educational Leadership program turns 50 years old this year. Look for some announcements of events, celebrations and fun as we proceed through the year to graduation day in May!

Jeff Beaudry, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership; Co-director, Southern Maine Partnership
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Southern Maine Partnership Update

Southern Maine Partnership is off to a great start, kicking off our Principal/Building Leader Visits with our visit to King Middle School. King Middle School administration treated a dozen+ building leaders with an amazing learning walk and an insightful reflection conversation. We look forward to our next Principal/Building Leader meeting at host school Windham Primary School, RSU 14. We invite building leaders from all grade spans/levels to join us for these visits.

***Principal Learning Walk Visit to Windham Primary School, RSU 14, with Principal Kyle Rhoads on Wednesday, October 26th from 8:30-10:00 a.m.**

We encourage building leaders of all grade spans to join us for these professional learning opportunities.

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We are excited to share with you the registration links for upcoming meetings and events sponsored by Southern Maine Partnership. We hope you will join us and help us spread the word to your colleagues!

***Teacher Leadership 3-part Interactive Screen Share Series with Assessment Literacy Author and Expert Jan Chappuis**

Session 1 - Making Time for Formative Assessment - October 3rd

Session 2 - Closing the Gap: Diagnostic Assessment - November 7th

Session 3 - Descriptive Feedback (Emotional and Academic Side of Feedback) - February 6th

<https://goo.gl/forms/94P4Vn56uFsdvxoZ2>

***Superintendents/Central Office Administrators Sip and Discuss --- Thursday, October 6th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in Room 103 Wischcamper on the Portland campus.**

*Rick Stiggins will join us at 9:00 for a book talk of his new book, *Balanced Assessment Systems: Leadership, Quality, and Classroom Assessment, 2016* via screenshare. Participants who pre-register will receive a copy of *Balanced Assessment Systems* at the Sip and Discuss event.*

<https://goo.gl/forms/vz5NNYiVKtt4NUZI2>

***Dine and Discuss STEAMS/CI2 Lab Tour --- Monday, Oct. 17th from 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting afternoon sharing promising practices around STEM, STEAMS, and STREAM. As part of the event, we will tour the USM CI2 Lab with Director Raphael DeLuzio. "The CI2 Lab develops individual and group creativity in an open concept, experiential learning environment. Participants develop creative problem solving, critical thinking and marketable skills that foster innovation and community engagement."

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RESEARCH CORNER

Use of Technology, including Social Media Platforms

Dr. Stewart McCafferty and Dr. Jody Capelluti are engaging in a body of research around the use of technology, including social media platforms, and its effects on communicating with stakeholders (e.g., students, parents, administrators, colleagues, Board members, etc.) as well as its effects on work-life balance. We hope to use this research from the field to impact policies and ongoing professional dialogue.

This is our second year of gathering data from Building Leaders and our first year of gathering data from Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents and Teachers.

We ask that you consider participating in the following surveys (depending upon your role) if you have not already done so this fall. Thank you for your participation and for helping us be more informed about the issue from *your* perspective.

Teachers' Use of Technology, including Social Media Platforms Survey 2016

This survey is designed to gather data from teachers about their use of technology, including social media platforms, to communicate with their varied stakeholders (e.g., parents, students, administrators, colleagues, community members, etc.). Please help us update the status of technology's impact on the communication strategies of teachers by completing this annual survey. The data collected are anonymous and confidential. Protections are in place for the electronic transfer of data. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to skip any question for any reason.

<https://goo.gl/forms/qt7lONXGXm6FF1dt2>

The Second Annual Use of Technology, including Social Media Platforms, and Building Leaders Second Annual Survey 2016

This survey is designed to gather data from School Leaders about their use of technology, including social media platforms, to communicate with their varied stakeholders. Please help us update the status of technology's impact on the communication strategies of School Leaders by completing this annual survey. The data collected are anonymous and confidential. Protections are in place for the electronic transfer of data. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to skip any question for any reason.

<https://goo.gl/forms/E1NoQCdssP4rpJgW2>

The Use of Technology, including Social Media Platforms, and the Superintendency Survey 2016

This survey is designed to gather data from Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents about their use of technology, including social media platforms, to communicate with their varied stakeholders. Please help us update the status of technology's impact on the communication strategies of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents by completing this survey. The data collected are anonymous and confidential. Protections are in place for the electronic transfer of data. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to skip any question for any reason.

<https://goo.gl/forms/08tG3R3eq8Im3cJF3>

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CONGRATULATIONS to:

Mitch Ouellet, Assistant Principal (new position), Mahoney Middle School, South Portland
Rebecca Stern, Assistant Principal (new position), Memorial Middle School, South Portland

**** IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER ****

October 10-11: No Classes – Columbus Day /Fall Break

November 7: Spring 2017 registration begins for graduate students. (6:00 AM start time)

November 11: Veteran's Day – USM closed

November 28: Spring 2017 open registration for non-degree/all students (8:00 AM start time)

November 23-25: No classes (Thanksgiving Recess)

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Educational Leadership Program - Spring 2017

(The schedule below is subject to change; be sure to check MaineStreet.)

Location	COURSE	TITLE/ INSTRUCTOR	Days	Times	Instructor
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques			Beaudry
Portland	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	Th	4:10-6:40P	Beaudry
Gorham	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	W	4:10-6:40P	Kuech
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques			TBD
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques			Whitney
Portland	EDU 603	Analysis of Teaching & Assessment	W	4:10-6:40P	Stewart McCafferty
Portland	EDU 604	Curriculum Development	T	4:10-6:40P	Culbertson
Portland	EDU 659	Special Ed Law for School Leaders	T	4:10-6:40P	Hawes
Portland	EDU 667	Professional Ed Capstone(with EDU 699) **			Beaudry
Portland	EDU 671	Organizational Behavior	M	4:10-6:40P	Sizemore
P-Other	EDU 677	Seminar in School Management **	W	4:00-6:30P	Capelluti
Portland	EDU 678	School Law	Th	4:10-6:40P	Forster

P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Stewart McCafferty
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 686	Internship in Special Educ Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Stewart McCafferty
P-Other	EDU 687	Internship in Superintendency **	W	7:00-9:30P	Edwards
P-Other	EDU 688	Internship in Curriculum Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Edwards
Portland	EDU 699	Independent Study (with EDU 667)**			Beaudry

**Instructor permission required; program staff will register students & confirm via email.
If you have questions, contact Kerry Bertalan at 780-5316

LTS-Scarborough Cohort Students: EDU 679 Evaluation & Supervision of School Personnel will be taught on Tuesdays, 4:00-6:30 PM in Scarborough. This is a non-print course and you will receive a registration form in the mail.