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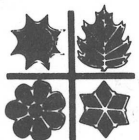
Madeleine Giguere
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Lewiston, ME 04240

Dear Madeleine:

The President's Commission on Foreign Languages and International Studies has issued a series of recommendations ~~that are beginning to win support~~ within the Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services. Commissioner Ron Raynolds has in fact expressed his support for a state advisory council who will in turn develop a series of recommendations in foreign languages and international studies affecting Maine. To that end, your membership on this relatively small council is being sought.

At the outset, the council will be seeking data for the Commissioner, the State Board and the Governor on the following areas:

1. The need for support of foreign languages, international studies, bilingual education, ethnic heritage studies... in Maine schools
2. The public awareness of needs in these areas
3. Organizations and agencies across the state who support state movement in these areas
4. Position statements from the press
5. The viability of a state-funded foreign language consultant-- a position that existed in the pre-Longley years
6. State plans of other SEA's
7. Availability of training resources
8. Identification of funding resources



Four seasons for Me.

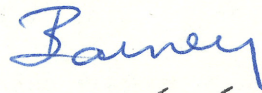
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Of course, the council may opt to explore additional directions as well.

The first meeting of the council will occur probably in September in the Augusta area. Your travel costs will be defrayed by the Department.

I am hopeful that you will be a part of this important council; the recommendation for including you on the council is neither arbitrary nor accidental. Please return the enclosed sheet to the office, should you choose to serve actively on the council. Of course, you may call me at 289-2033 as concerns arise.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure