

MAINE SUPPORT NETWORK

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Dear Friends of MSN:

As budgets in Maine Schools are frozen, and we are experiencing a time of economic downturn, we here at the Maine Support Network have been brainstorming ways to help educators continue to access informative and uplifting professional development.

We feel strongly that the best way to improve education for all teachers and students is to provide opportunities for educators to get together to learn and grow. As you know, we, at the Maine Support Network, are renowned for providing engaging, meaningful, and timely professional development opportunities for educators. These opportunities not only allow teachers to learn new strategies, techniques, and approaches to inform instruction, but also provide important occasions for educators to grow, network, and remain energized to go out each day and do the important work of supporting student learning.

During times such as these our ideas have also turned to the most effective ways to continue to help educators access this support system. Through our non-profit organization, we thought we would send out a plea to all educators to support each other. There are over 6,000 members that receive information from the Maine Support Network. If each of you donated \$10.00, we could develop a pool of money to be used exclusively to support professional development. We could supplement every teacher who requested support to attend a professional learning opportunity. We could help each other through this difficult time for schools in Maine.

So reach into your pocket, donate now, *no donation is too small*, and it's tax deductible. Support educators in Maine, and have access to a scholarship program. We thank you for your support, and hope to see you at our next event!!

Sincerely,



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