



**Exploring Policy, Practice and Advocacy in Education**  
**March 28, 2018**  
**from 4:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**At the University of Maine Farmington**

Join us to explore how you can impact the development and implementation of educational policy. You can choose from a range of sessions to help you learn more about policy, practice, and advocacy at the local, state, and national levels. Sessions will focus on a variety of topics such as: hearing from statewide organizations, finding your voice as a teacher leader, and contacting your local legislators. This event is designed for undergraduate students, classroom teachers, administrators, and graduate students to learn and share ideas. Space is limited so an RSVP by March 23, 2018 is required. For More Information [johanna.prince@maine.edu](mailto:johanna.prince@maine.edu) or 207-778-7502

## **Schedule**

### **3:45 - Registration**

### **4:00-4:45 Session One**

- Introduction to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee
- Advocating for Play-based Curriculum in a World of Skill-Building
- Introduction to Maine School Law and Special Education Law

### **4:50 - 5:30 Session Two**

- How to Effectively Contact Local Legislators
- Finding Your Voice as a Teacher Leader
- Understanding the Hiring Process and Your First Teaching Contract

### **5:30 - Dinner**

- \$15 Fee

### **6:15 - 7:00 Session Three**

- Statewide Association Panel (MEA, MPA, MSMA, MADSEC)
- Early Childhood Panel (Maine AEYC, Maine Roads to Quality, Maine Children's Alliance)

Please return the RSVP Form by Friday March 16,2018 to join us for this event.



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3:45	Registration		
4:00-4:45 Break Out Session 1	<b>Advocating for Play-based Curriculum in a World of Skill-building</b>  Erika Neal - RSU 9 Brenda Robinson - KVCAP  UMF Host: Dr. Patty Williams	<b>Introduction to Education and Cultural Affairs Committee</b>  Senator Brian Langley Senator Rebecca Millett  UMF Host: Dr Kathy Yardley	<b>Introduction to Maine School Law and Special Education Law</b>  Dr. Brian Cavanaugh - Portland Schools Dr. Mike Cormier - Retired Superintendent  UMF Host: Shelly Chasse-Jondro
4:50-5:35 Break Out Session 2	<b>Understanding the Hiring Process and Your First Teaching Contract</b>  Jesse Hargrove - MEA Susan Pratt - MSAD 58 Superintendent  UMF Host: Johanna Prince	<b>Finding your Voice as a Teacher Leader</b>  Jen Dorman - MSAD 54      Matt McGreevy - MSAD 17 Erica Gosselin - Lewiston      Courtney Schools - RSU 9  UMF Host: Dr. Meredith Swallow	<b>How to Effectively Contact Local Legislators</b>  Vicki Wallack - MSMA Senator Tom Saviello  UMF Host: Sandra MacArthur
5:35 Dinner North Dining Hall B & C			

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6:15 - 7:00	<b>Early Childhood Organizations Panel</b>  Rita Furlow - Maine Children's Alliance Jenn Wiles - Maine Roads to Quality Tara Williams - MaineAEYC  UMF Host: Dr. Kathryn Will Dubyak	<b>Statewide Association Panel</b>  Jill Adams - Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities Steve Bailey - Maine School Management Association Richard Durost - Maine Principals Association Lois Kilby-Chesley - Maine Education Association  UMF Host: Sandra MacArthur