

*3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003*

May 11, 2016

Governor Paul R. LePage  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor LePage,

Schools around our state will be letting out soon. Eighth-graders are looking ahead to summer, but also to their first years of high school. It's an exciting time for these teenagers.

In Portland, the city we all represent, those eighth-graders have several great schools to choose from, including Deering High School, the largest of our five public high schools.

We're writing you regarding comments you recently made about Deering. Your story about repeated overdoses at DHS is an outright fabrication. What's worse, your insinuation that school officials would simply allow an overdose to happen without taking any intervening action is an insult to all of Deering's teachers, students and staff.

As the next generation of high school students in our city prepare to make their decisions about where they'll study, socialize and grow, we're calling on you to publicly acknowledge your fabrication and apologize to the students, parents, teachers and staff who are proud to be Deering Rams.

You've had your differences with all of us. But this isn't about you or us. This is about the community at Deering High School, who didn't ask to be smeared by the governor, and surely don't deserve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Alford".

Justin Alford  
Senate District 27

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Haskell".

Anne Haskell  
Senate District 28



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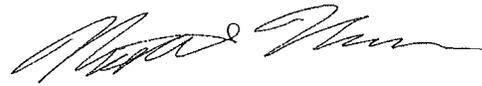
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