

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

 S.P. 378 - L.D. 1216

An Act To Support Community Schools

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9923, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. GGG, §1, is amended to read:

§9923. Designation of community schools

The department is authorized to designate 3 community schools established in accordance with this chapter ~~as part of a 5-year pilot project~~ beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, the department is authorized to designate 5 community schools established in accordance with this chapter. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the department may biannually designate 10 additional community schools established in accordance with this chapter. The department shall annually inform school administrative units of the application process and deadlines and make that information and appropriate forms available on its publicly accessible website. The commissioner shall provide state funding to the school administrative units in which the designated community schools are located and may employ a state community school coordinator to implement this ~~pilot project designation program~~. ~~Annual state allocations for this pilot project may not exceed \$150,000.~~

~~This section is repealed July 1, 2021.~~

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§25, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §54, is further amended to read:

25. Community schools. The commissioner may expend and disburse funds for the establishment of community schools in accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 and shall apply for available federal funds in support of community school implementation and expansion.

~~This subsection is repealed July 1, 2021.~~

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Community Schools Program N317

Initiative: Provides base allocations for federal funding to support the implementation and expansion of community schools.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>