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Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Zager, Sam
Cc: Stocco, Janet; Olson, Rachel
Subject: RE: STEM endorsements in Maine schools?

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello Sam,

Thank you for reaching out to clarify. The most accurate answer is that local SAUs may decide to include an endorsement, such as a STEM endorsement, however there are no regulations or rules from the DOE or Maine State Revised Statutes that outline expectations or standards for such endorsements. The decision to include an endorsement on a diploma, and what the requirements are for that endorsement, are a local decision made at the individual SAU level. In addition, the DOE does not collect information about the endorsements offered.

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Subject: STEM endorsements in Maine schools?

Hi Courtney,

Thank you very much for helping us on the Gene Editing Panel (LD 1771) understand the science education landscape better.

Could you please clarify something? You wrote in your 9/20 email to Janet Stocco and Rachel Olson, "Maine schools do not offer additional endorsements or certifications on diplomas." However, Commissioner Makin separately wrote in a 10/1 email to Rep. Brennan that "many districts do offer a STEM endorsement on their high school diploma/transcripts."

Thank you!

Sam