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The Honorable Rebecca Millett, Chair
The Honorable W. Bruce MacDonald, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Millett, Representative MacDonald and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

In accordance with Public Law Chapter 615 (125th Maine Legislature) enclosed you will find the Maine Community College System's first annual report on the number of Maine high school graduates who enrolled in one of our community colleges directly after high school and required enrollment in remedial courses. The law requires that we provide data on these students by January 1st of each year.

As required, the report includes a summary of the number of students enrolled in remedial courses disaggregated by college and subject area (English language arts and mathematics). Also included is a listing of Maine high schools from which students graduated in June and subsequently matriculated in a community college in fall 2012 and required remedial assistance. Specifically, 2114 students who graduated in June from a Maine high school, GED or adult education program, or were homeschooled, enrolled in community college in fall 2012. Of that number, 1,062 (or 50.2%) required enrollment in remedial courses.

In addition to the information contained in the report, it is incumbent on us as a requirement of the law, to track the retention/graduation rates of those students in individual cohorts going forward. Obviously, that portion of the report will not be available until we begin reporting next year on the status of the 2012 cohort.

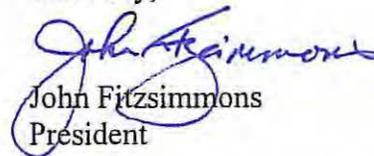
Lastly, the law requires that we provide recommendations for strategies that may result in fewer students enrolling in remedial courses, and for improving retention/graduation rates. The Maine Community College System is currently engaged with several ongoing work groups with the Maine Department of Education concerning the college and career readiness of our youth. Because these work groups are collaborative and address the legislation, we prefer to use the recommendations put forth by these groups as the ones we believe will have the most meaningful impact on issues this legislation hopes to address. These include the work of the Education Coordinating Committee, College Readiness Partnership, K-12 Diploma Standards Taskforce, and the Gateway to Success Initiative to name a few.

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Clearly there is significant work to be done and the Maine Community College System stands ready to partner with Maine's educators to help ensure that our high school graduates are college ready and can be successful in their quest to achieve a higher education credential.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with you. I would be glad to meet with you at any time to address any questions or concerns the Committee may have.

Sincerely,



John Fitzsimmons
President

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Cc: Commissioner Bowen, MDOE
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MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Summary of Traditional (*Direct from High School*) Students from Maine Enrolled in Remedial Courses Fall 2012 Cohort

	CMCC	EMCC	KVCC	NMCC	SMCC	WCCC	YCCC	Total
Total Matriculated Direct from High School	402	370	174	138	795	90	145	2114
Total Unduplicated Enrolled in Remedial Courses	199	193	22*	30	512	56	50	1062
% of Total	49.5%	52.2%	12.6%	21.7%	64.4%	62.2%	34.5%	50.2%

Breakdown of Enrollment by Subject

	CMCC	EMCC	KVCC	NMCC	SMCC	WCCC	YCCC	Total
Total in Math	122	164	22	24	475	53	41	901
Total in English <i>Includes ESL</i>	155	101	1	9	221	15	22	524
Students taking both Math and English <i>Numbers included in above totals</i>	78	72	1	3	184	12	13	363

* KVCC and Adult Education created a unique program called KV Academy which is located on the college campus. Students who are not qualified for admission to KVCC are referred to KV Academy for remedial assistance. In Fall 2012, 76 students wishing to enroll at the college directly from high school were referred. Because they are not enrolled in the college, they are not part of the Fall 2012 cohort.

Maine Community College System Summary

High School	Total Students	Remedial Students	Math	English	English & Math
Acadia Christian School	*	*	*		
Arthur R Gould School	*	*	*	*	*
Ashland Community High School	6	*	*	*	*
Auburn Adult Education	*	*	*		
Bangor Christian School	*	*	*		
Bangor High School	37	17	16	8	7
Belfast Area High School	16	8	8	*	*
Biddeford High School	42	30	30	13	13
Bonny Eagle High School	42	30	28	13	11
Boothbay Regional High School	*	*		*	
Brewer High School	22	10	10	*	*
Brunswick High School	26	13	12	*	*
Buckfield Jr-Sr High School	12	*		*	
Bucksport High School	7	*	*	*	*
Calais High School	21	16	14	*	*
Calvary Chapel Christian School	*	*		*	
Camden Hills Regional High School	*	*	*		
Cape Elizabeth High School	6	6	6	*	*
Caribou Senior High School	26	*	*	*	*
Carrabec High School	*	*	*	*	*
Casco Bay High School	9	6	6	*	*
Central Aroostook High School	7				
Central High School	15	12	10	7	*
Cheverus High School	*	*		*	
Chop Point School	*				
Community High School	*				
Cony High School	24	16	14	8	6
Deer Isle-Stonington High School	7	*	*	*	*
Deering High School	34	28	28	15	15
Dexter Regional High School	7	*	*	*	*
Dirigo High School	11	7	*	*	*
Easton High School	*	*	*		
Edward Little High School	52	30	21	17	8
Ellsworth High School	20	11	11	*	*
Erskine Academy	20	*	*	*	
Falmouth High School	9	6	6	*	*
Forest Hills Consolidated School	*				
Fort Fairfield High School	11				
Fort Kent Community High School	*	*	*		
Foxcroft Academy	13	*	*	*	*
Freeport High School	19	13	11	7	*
Fryeburg Academy	14	6	6	*	*
Gardiner Area High School	19	9	8	*	*
GED/AED	32	15	15	*	*
George Stevens Academy	7	*	*	*	*
Gorham High School	31	17	16	7	6
Gray-New Gloucester High School	25	16	12	7	*
Greater Houlton Christian Academy	*	*	*	*	*
Greely High School	19	12	10	6	*
Greenville High School	*	*	*		
Hall-Dale High School	7	7	7	*	*
Hampden Academy	22	14	14	*	*
Hebron Academy	*				

Hermon High School	16	9	6	*	*
Highview Christian Academy	*				
Hodgdon High School	*				
Home Schooled	14	*	*		
Houlton High School	6	*	*		
Hyde School	*	*	*	*	*
Islesboro Central School	*				
Jay High School	14	8	6	6	*
John Bapst Memorial High School	*	*	*		
Jonesport-Beal High School	*				
Katahdin High School	*	*	*	*	*
Kennebunk High School	20	11	9	*	*
Kents Hill School	*	*	*	*	*
Lake Region High School	16	10	8	*	*
Lawrence High School	35	*	*	*	*
Leavitt Area High School	32	16	13	12	9
Lee Academy	12	7	6	*	*
Lewiston Adult Education	*	*	*		
Lewiston High School	62	27	16	20	9
Limestone Jr-Sr High School	*	*	*	*	
Lincoln Academy	8				
Lisbon High School	17	6	*	6	*
Livermore Falls High School	16	10	7	6	*
Machias Memorial High School	12	7	6	*	*
Madawaska High School	*	*	*	*	
Madison High School	*	*	*		
Maine Central Institute	9	*	*	*	*
Maranacook Community High School	14	6	*	*	
Marshwood High School	25	6	*	*	*
Massabesic High School	30	14	13	*	*
Mattanawcook Academy	15	9	9	*	*
Medomak Valley High School	21	10	8	7	*
Messalonskee High School	32	*	*	*	*
Monmouth Academy	7	*		*	
Morse High School	13	6	*	*	*
Mount Abram Regional High School	12	9	8	*	*
Mount Ararat High School	35	16	13	9	6
Mount Blue High School	26	20	16	13	9
Mount Desert Island High School	8	6	6	*	*
Mount View High School	24	9	*	7	*
Mountain Valley High School	16	13	12	7	6
Narraguagus High School	*	*	*		
Noble High School	34	14	14	*	*
Nokomis Regional High School	19	12	11	*	*
North Atlantic Regional High School	*				
Oak Hill Adult & Community Education	*	*	*	*	*
Oak Hill High School	17	10	7	7	*
Oceanside High School	16	12	12	*	*
Old Orchard Beach High School	13	7	6	*	*
Old Town High School	15	8	6	*	*
Orono Junior-Senior High School	10	7	6	*	*
Oxford Hills Christian Academy	*				
Oxford Hills High School	47	25	21	15	11
Penobscot Valley High School	7	*	*	*	*
Penquis Valley High School	9	*	*	*	*
Pine Tree Academy	*				

Piscataquis Community High School	*	*	*	*	*
Poland Regional High School	12	7	*	7	*
Portland High School	29	23	18	15	10
Presque Isle High School	38	15	13	*	*
Rangeley Lakes Regional School	*	*	*		
Richmond Jr-Sr High School	6	*	*	*	*
Rockland District High School	*				
Royal Academy	*				
Sacopee Valley Junior-Senior High School	19	10	10	*	*
Saint Dominic Academy	*	*	*	*	
Sanford High School	66	21	19	11	9
Scarborough High School	10	8	7	*	*
Schenck High School	*	*	*	*	*
Searsport District High School	*	*	*	*	
Shed High School	9	6	6	*	*
Skowhegan Area High School	27	*	*		
Southern Aroostook Community High School	*	*	*	*	*
South Portland High School	35	21	19	6	*
Spruce Mountain High School	7	*	*	*	*
Stearns High School	7	*	*	*	*
Sumner Memorial High School	8	*	*	*	
Telstar Regional High School	14	6	*	*	*
Temple Academy	*				
Thornton Academy	48	32	27	17	12
Traip Academy	*	*	*	*	*
Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial High School	6				
Van Buren District High School	*	*	*		
Vinalhaven High School	*	*	*	*	*
Vineyard Christian School	*	*		*	
Washburn District High School	6	*	*		
Washington Academy	21	9	8	*	*
Washington County Community College GED program	*	*		*	
Waterville High School	16	8	8	*	*
Wells High School	17	8	*	*	
Westbrook High School	28	22	17	14	9
Windham High School	39	24	23	10	9
Winslow High School	23	*	*		
Winthrop High School	*	*	*	*	*
Wiscasset High School	6	*	*	*	*
Wisdom Jr-Sr High School	*				
Woodland High School	12	8	8	*	*
Yarmouth Jr-Sr High School	7	*	*	*	*
York High School	16	*	*	*	*
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