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### **Leadership Network Continues Expansion**

ORONO, Maine - The Maine School Leadership Network is recruiting teachers and school-level administrators throughout the state for the third cycle of its school-based leadership development program, which begins in May. Based on the successful Maine Academy of School Leaders model of the early 1990s, the two-year program is helping develop strong educational leadership at the administrative and classroom levels to move schools toward successful implementation of the Maine Learning Results.

The program begins with a week-long summer institute, after which participants meet monthly in regional cohort groups for further skill building, instruction and dialogue augmented with reading and writing assignments.

Currently, 50 educators, in either the first or second year of the leadership program, are applying the highly individualized model of knowledge and skill development to current challenges and improvement initiatives in their schools. They participate in one of three regional cohorts ñ Eastern Maine, Southern/Central Maine and Mid-Coast. .At the end of the two years, participating educators will have earned 15 graduate credits toward a master's degree or Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership.

Experienced educational leaders deliver network programming and one-on-one coaching. University of Maine Educational Leadership Professor Gordon Donaldson chairs the Network faculty, which includes University faculty and practicing K-12 administrators

Beginning with the third cycle in May, the Network will be administered by the Maine Leadership Consortium and the University of Maine. The Leadership Consortium, a collaboration of state educational leadership level associations, agencies and institutions, replaces the Maine Development Foundation as project administrator. The Network is supported financially by participating school districts, program students, local and statewide businesses and the College of Education and Human Development at UMaine.

Additional information about the Maine School Leadership Network is available on the web at [www.mdf.org/msln](http://www.mdf.org/msln), or from faculty members: Gordon Donaldson, 581-2450; Sally Mackenzie, 666-3529; or George Marnik, 581-2738.

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