AUGUSTA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
40 Pierce Drive, Suite 3
Augusta, Maine 04330-9105
Phone: 207-626-2468 Fax 207-626-2444
www.augustaschools.org

Michael Tracy, Jr., ED.S.
Superintendent

Shelby Thibodeau, M.ED.
Assistant Superintendent

Jeannine Ross, M.B.A.
Business Manager

Board of Education

Martha Witham
Board Chair
Samuel Baker
Ward 1
Susan Parks
Ward 2
James Orr
Ward 3
Bobby Jo Bechard
Ward 4
Charles Hicks
At Large
Rita Pello
At Large
Jonathan Reynolds
At Large
Vacant
At Large

April 30, 2026

Dear Augusta School Department Families,

I am writing to inform you that a student demonstration took place today, including a walk to City Hall and a protest related to students' views on the school department budget.

First, it is important to note that the school department did not organize or endorse the protest in any way. Staff remained neutral throughout the demonstration, and student safety was our paramount concern.

Second, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Augusta Police Department for their diligent efforts to manage traffic and ensure the safety of both students and the public. The protest remained peaceful and no one was injured. The school department arranged transportation back to school to further support student safety.

Finally, students who participated will receive natural consequences for skipping class and leaving school grounds without authorization. Students who did not return to campus will be subject to additional disciplinary action.

The Augusta School Department recognizes that students may hold strong views on issues affecting their lives and community. The school department takes no position on this matter and remains focused solely on student safety and education.

Sincerely,

Mike Tracy
Superintendent of Schools