

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 21, 2018

Mr. Drew Dumsch
President and CEO
The Ecology School
8 Morris Avenue, Building 1
Saco, ME 04072

Dear Mr. Dumsch:

We are writing to express our support for all of the important work being done at the Ecology School to provide meaningful environmental education opportunities to students from Maine and beyond. We commend your organization for your proposed plan to expand these opportunities by moving the school's operations to River Bend Farm, a more than 100-acre property that features a working farm and other significant natural resources.


The Ecology School's 20-year history and vision for the future is a testament to your commitment to outdoor education, teaching future generations the responsibility of caring for natural resources and being thoughtful stewards of Maine's environment. Your many local partnerships add to the value of your work and mission.

Your move to the historic River Bend Farm property and related enhancements will continue to inspire and sustain innovative learning in southern Maine. In addition, the school's new facilities – including a dining commons and dormitory – will serve as models for green building in our state, as they will be constructed in adherence to the Living Building Challenge, the most advanced measure of sustainability in construction today.

We applaud the Ecology School's efforts to expand environmental education access through this development project, which we believe will provide exciting experiences for its participants and lasting benefits for our environment.

Sincerely,


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator


Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator