

Meet the School Finance & Compliance Team

Paula Gravelle

Director of School Finance

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Paula has worked at the Maine Department of Education on the School Finance & Compliance Team since 2010 and has been in her current role for 2 years. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Southern Maine for 15 years, the last 8 at the Center for Education Policy, Applied Research, and Evaluation.

You can contact Paula for:

- Budget Preparation - State General Fund
- Contracts
- Fiscal Estimates
- Legislative Support
- Report Approvals
- Training Schedule
- All Other Inquiries Ongoing

Ida Batista

School Finance Manager

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Ida is the School Finance Manager for School Finance and has been in the Department since 2016. She works on several components of the EPS funding formula and assists internal and external stakeholders with school finance operations information and understanding the statutes & policies that comprise public school finance in Maine. Prior to coming to the Department, Ida spent 20 years as a researcher: 10 years focused on Maine public education policy research at the Center for Education Policy, Applied Research and Evaluation (CEPARE) and 10 years in public health and health outcomes research.

You can contact Ida for:

- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Career & Technical Education (CTE) Calculation
- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Special Education Calculation
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Report Card Data
- Federal Reporting Data
- General Purpose Aid (GPA) Payment Approvals
- High Cost Out-Of-District Special Education Tuition & Board (EF-S-07/EF-S-214) Allocations
- Request for Proposals (RFP)/Request for Information (RFI)
- Superintendent Agreements
- Training Materials

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Alyssa Kenney

Audit Compliance Coordinator

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Alyssa has been with the Maine Department of Education School Finance & Compliance Team since February 2024.

She specializes in School Finance Compliance and Reporting.

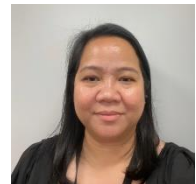
You can contact Alyssa for:

- Annual Audit Tracking
- Aspirations Funding
- Early College Reimbursements
- High Cost Out-Of-District Special Education Tuition & Board (EF-S-07/EF-S-214) Submission
- MaineCare Seed Claims Review
- P-100 Report
- School Construction Project Audit Review
- Update Audit Tab in Risk Assessment Tool

Maria Lidback

School Finance Consultant

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Maria has been with the State of Maine for 10 years, holding various state accounting positions across departments, including Maine Department of Labor, the Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Maine Revenue Services, and General Government Service Center. She has been in her current role for one month.

You can contact Maria for:

- Account Coding Handbook
 - DOE Funding Code Determination
 - Financial Reporting Technical Assistance
 - Indirect Cost Rates
 - Maine Education Financial System (MEFS) Q4 Audit Adjustments
 - Maine Education Financial System (MEFS) Upload Reviews
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Pam Partridge

School Finance Helpdesk

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Pam has been with the Department of Education for 25 years. During those 25 years she has worked with a variety of teams including Construction, Charter Schools, Nutrition and most recently, School Finance.

You can contact Pam for:

- Administrative Duties as required
- JMG, MSSM, MECDHH Quarterly Payments
- Private School Tuition Calculation
- Public School EFT
- Public School Tuition Calculation
- Public School Vendor Codes
- School Board Reapportionment
- School Closures
- School Finance Listserv
- School Finance & Compliance Invoices and Contracts
- Town Withdrawals from Combined District
- Website Updates - Drupal

Donna Tiner

School Finance Coordinator

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Donna has an M.S. in Technology in Education, with an undergraduate degree in Computer Science.

She has worked with public education funding for over 25 years joining SOM DOE in June 2013. Prior to that, she worked at the Maine Community College System as a Grant Manager.

You can contact Donna for:

- Bus Purchase Allocations - State Funded
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Payments
- Construction Aid Payments - State Funded
- ED 279 Reports
- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Data Collection Review and Validation
- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Subsidy Adjustments
- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Subsidy Calculation
- Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Subsidy Monthly Payments
- Expenditure by Budget Category Report
- MaineCare Seed LEA Recovery
- Over/Under Essential Programs & Services (EPS) Report

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Denise Towers

Fiscal Review & Compliance Manager

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Denise has been with the department for 16 years; 10 years on the School Finance & Compliance Team.

Areas of expertise are: Education Service Centers, SAU Budgets and the Maine Education Financial System (MEFS).

Oversee: Audit Collection & MaineCare

You can contact Denise for:

- Account Coding Handbook
- Education Service Center Formation
- Education Service Center Funding
- Education Service Center Technical Assistance
- Financial Technical Assistance
- National Board Payments
- School Administrative Unit (SAU) Annual Budget Uploads