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**Priority Notice: Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Public and Annual Notification**

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Priority Notice from the Maine Department of Education

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Dear Champions of Education,

As required by [2 CFR §200.113](#), and as a recipient of federal funds, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) must annually ensure that Maine school administrative units (SAUs) are aware that:

1. SAUs must disclose in a timely manner, in writing to the Maine DOE, all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award.
2. SAUs that have received federal funds are required to report certain civil criminal, or administrative proceedings to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) within the System of Award Management (SAM).
3. SAUs need to annually notify employees of their responsibility to report fraud.

Each recipient of a federal grant under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 must display, in a public place, the hotline contact information of the US Department of Education Office of the Inspector General (ED OIG) to ensure that any individual who observes, detects, or suspects improper use of taxpayer funds can report such improper use.

2 CFR §200.113, are met, the Maine DOE will begin reviewing SAU websites for the required posting of information beginning Tuesday, January 16th and will submit verification of documentation to the US Department of Education demonstrating all requirements have been met.

Information related to how to file a report of fraud, waste and abuse in addition to the contact information and office hours of the ED OIG must be posted by SAUs. A sample of how this could look is provided below with a [template also available for use](#).

<https://oighotlineportal.ed.gov/eCasePortal/InvestigationsCaptcha.aspx>

Contact the Hotline

The OIG encourages you to use its [online form to file your complaint](#).

You can also download the OIG Hotline Form and mail or fax it to our office. Please note that it will take longer to process your complaint if submitted by mail or fax.

U.S. Department of Education  
Office of Inspector General Hotline  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20202-1500  
Fax: (202) 245-7047

If you need assistance, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or call the OIG Hotline at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)

Operators are available\*:

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

\*Except Federal holidays

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