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FAME PROMOTES APRIL AS YOUTH FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

Tenth-Annual “Fostering Financial Education in Maine Schools Conference” to be held May 10 in Augusta

AUGUSTA — Youth Financial Literacy Month is in full swing at the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). Throughout the month of April, FAME’s College Access and Financial Education Team has been offering a variety of statewide initiatives and educational workshops intended to promote the importance of financial education to Maine citizens.

In honor of April as Youth Financial Literacy month, FAME is excited to celebrate the upcoming tenth anniversary of the “[Fostering Financial Education in Maine Schools Conference](#).” The conference will be held on May 10th at the Augusta Civic Center, with a special pre-conference on May 9th at the Senator Inn. The goal of the conference is to provide Maine educators with the necessary tools, resources, and best practices for implementing Maine’s learning standards for personal finance and economics. The event is free for classroom teachers and funds are available to cover substitute teacher expenses. This year’s speakers include Laura Levine, President of the National JumpStart Coalition, as well as State Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec County. The conference is made possible by the Maine JumpStart Coalition, the Maine Office of Securities, the Maine Credit Union League, Town & Country Federal Credit Union, and many others.

“FAME’s financial education efforts are a key element of our mission. We provide outreach to students of all ages at schools throughout the state, from Aroostook to York Counties, in order to help prepare Maine students for financially successful futures,” stated FAME Chief Executive Officer Bruce Wagner. “We are proud to be a sponsor of the upcoming financial education conference for Maine teachers and community educators.”

In addition to the conference and numerous statewide financial education activities, FAME is continuing its national expansion of [Claim Your Future](#)[®], a program designed to encourage students to explore education and training after high school, future careers, and money management. [The online version of Claim Your Future](#) has been played by students in over ninety countries and in every U.S. state. Due to strong demand for the classroom game kit, FAME has adapted the program so that other organizations can co-brand and customize the program for their own constituents.

FAME is a quasi-independent state agency that provides innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business and educational opportunities. FAME helps to lead the creation of good paying jobs for Maine citizens by working at the nexus between economic and workforce development. To learn more about FAME, please visit www.famemaine.com.