

What: Intergenerational, tech-enhanced citizens' assembly, a deliberative process to determine a set of education policy priorities/recommendations for action to state-level and local-level decision makers in the context of the 2026 elections.

When: June 17 and 18, 2026 (*in-person*) and August 28, 2026 (*virtual*) **Where:** United Technologies Center, Bangor

Who: 64 delegates. 4 delegates from each county: 16-17-year-old, 18-32-year-old, parent of PK-12 student, 55+

Delegate recruitment: Legislators, MSMA and MMA networks, and media offer broad invitations for citizens to volunteer.

Criteria for delegate selection: Randomly selected from among volunteers with goal of balanced cohort of delegates: 50/50 gender and political learning, general proportional representation on educational attainment and race/ethnicity.

Organizer: CEPARE/USM in partnership with MEPRI/USM

Day 0: June 16 Preparation

1:30–5:00 PM
Final Moderator Training

🌙 7:00 PM
Welcome Event

**Citizens' Assembly
on ME Education
Priorities / 2026**

Day 1: June 17 Learning

8:00 AM–5:00 PM
First Assembly Day

- Orientation
- Stakeholder Org Panels
- Maine ED Stories Portal
 - MEPRI Briefings
 - Expert Q&A

🌙 5:30 PM
Meet & Greet with Stakeholder
Organizations...

Day 2: June 18 Deliberation

8:00 AM–3:30 PM
Second Assembly Day

- Remit setting
- Small and large groups
- Midday Q&A with Legislators, Candidates, & School Board Assoc.
- Advancing proposals
 - Ranking
 - Voting

3:30 PM Closing

Summer: Priorities → Policy

- MEPRI translates assembly priorities into draft policy options and actions.
- Stakeholder networks engage digitally to provide feedback

Aug 14 🌙 7:00 PM
Welcome Back Zoom Event

Day 3: Aug 28 Recommendations

8:00 AM–1:00 PM
Final Assembly Day

- MEPRI Briefings
- Deliberation
- Ranking and Voting
- Minority Reporting

1:00 PM Closing