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NH State Board of Education
c/o NH Department of Education
101 Pleasant St.
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Dear State Board Members:

I am writing to you in support of the Department of Education's *Learn Everywhere Program* and the Ed 1400 administrative rules. This is an extremely important effort to allow districts like Manchester to expand and foster the opportunity for learning beyond the walls of the classroom.

The Manchester School District strives to help every student succeed and thrive in the way that works for them. Students participate in a wide variety of educational experiences outside of the school day and the four walls of the schools. The Manchester School District welcomes a simplified process that identifies these programs by allowing the programs to be approved at the state level. By doing so, the State will be recognizing and further encouraging the efforts of local districts, such as Manchester, to engage students in rigorous and innovative learning outside of school.

The *Learn Everywhere Program* allows students to be engaged in their learning. Research shows that students who are engaged in their learning are more successful and avoid unhealthy activities and behaviors. I am excited about what the program can bring to Manchester students and how it reaches out and brings the community into the mission of making sure that our students master the skills they need to be successful in a complex society in the 21st Century.

I urge you to vote for the Department of Education's *Learn Everywhere Program* and the Ed 1400 administrative rules.

Sincerely,

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