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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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# **Girls Day at the State House on Thursday**

**Who:** 103 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls wearing t-shirts that read "Girls Rock the House...and the Senate" will converge on Thursday for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Girls' Day at the State House* event in Augusta. Students from school districts and programs as diverse as Pembroke, Madawaska, Bangor, and Portland will come together for the day to learn how they can make a difference in the policymaking process.

**What:** Girls' Day at the State House

**When:** Thursday, March 27, from 8:30-3:30.

**Where:** (Augusta) State House Building and Cross State Office Building. Event begins in the State House Hall of Flags. A detailed schedule is below.

**Media opportunities:** Interviews with participants and volunteer leaders. Covering student-led mock press conference and mock public hearings.

**Why:** The purpose of the day is to teach girls about the legislative process and the important role women play in shaping Maine's public policy. Each year, girls from all personal and educational backgrounds participate in this highly regarded program. Alisha, a 2007 participant from Houlton said, "I learned that girls can be involved in the State House and have a voice and make decisions that could change your and others' lives."

The event is organized by the Maine Women's Policy Center and sponsored by Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation, George A. Ramlose Foundation, Margaret Chase Smith Library, Verizon, and a generous anonymous sponsor, along with dozens of Maine individuals, organizations, and businesses.

**Girls' Day at the State House  
Schedule**

Thursday, March 27, 2008

8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

- ❖ **8:30-9:00 Registration, Breakfast, “Ice Breaker” & Welcome**
- ❖ **9:10-9:30 Meeting & Picture with Governor Baldacci**  
State House Hall of Flags
- ❖ **9:45-10:50 Activity Sessions in committee rooms**  
Rooms 202, 214, 220 of the Cross State Office Building
- ❖ **10:55-12:00 Activity Sessions in committee rooms**  
Rooms 211, 206, 208 of the Cross State Office Building
- ❖ **12:00-1:00 Lunch and Roundtable with women elected and appointed leaders**  
Room 220 of the Cross State Office Building
- ❖ **1:10-2:15 Get to know the State House**  
Scavenger hunt beginning and ending on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the State House.
- ❖ **2:30-3:00 Meet with Senate President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings**  
House Chamber
- ❖ **3:15-3:30 pick up**

*The Maine Women's Policy Center, founded in 1990, is a private non-profit, non-partisan organization whose purpose is to improve the lives of Maine women and girls through public policy and leadership development.*

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