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## **MPBN Announces Launch of Free Online Resource for Teachers**

(Portland/Bangor/Lewiston)— The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announces the launch of PBS LearningMedia on MPBN.NET as a new educational offering available to educators across Maine. PBS LearningMedia, a partnership of PBS and WGBH Educational Foundation, is a web-based resource that provides PreK-12 educators with access to free digital content for their classrooms designed to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

The service currently offers more than thirty thousand trusted digital resources drawn from critically acclaimed PBS programs such as Nova, Frontline, American Experience and PBS Kids programs like Sid the Science Kid, as well as federal agencies such as The National Archives and NASA. Each resource showcases the subject, grade level and corresponding alignment to national and Common Core standards, and is presented within hierarchies of commonly taught topical areas, allowing users to browse the collections efficiently.

“We recognize that students in today’s world embrace technology to communicate, socialize and perform --- and they want to learn through technology,” stated Cory Morrissey, MPBN’s Marketing Director. “We know that teachers are eager to access cost-effective, rich media resources that engage learners in ways text alone cannot and we are really excited to meet this need and roll this resource out to educators across the state.”

As America’s largest and most trusted classroom, PBS is recognized for the quality of its television programming that educates and engages 220 million kids and adults nationwide. PBS’ involvement in education goes far beyond broadcast into the digital space with interactive platforms and technologies that deliver contextualized, curriculum-based content that impacts teacher effectiveness and drives student achievement. PBS is a leading source of digital learning tools for grades PreK-12 classrooms that help build math, science, social studies, arts and literacy skills -- the gateway for educators to access these resources is through MPBN’s website, MPBN.NET.

### **About the Maine Public Broadcasting Network:**

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is Maine’s premier, independent media resource, dedicated to creating exceptional opportunities for the communities it serves to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment. MPBN is renowned for creating award-winning programs, as well as airing content from PBS, NPR, and other independent producers. Formed in 1992, MPBN is an independently owned and operated nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland, Maine. For more information, visit [www.mpbn.net](http://www.mpbn.net).

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