

## Question 2 will impact research and economic development in Maine.

### THE QUESTION:

*Do you favor a bond issue to stimulate economic development and job creation that would provide \$5 million in loans and grant funds and would provide \$50 million in research, development and commercialization administered by the Maine Technology Institute and will leverage at least \$50 million in other funds?*

If the bond passes, \$50 million would be made available to the Maine Technology Institute, which would award -- on a competitive basis -- research grants for projects related to advancing Maine's economy.

Statewide approval for this bond would allow faculty, staff and students at Maine's public universities to apply competitively for these grants. The funding will provide for innovation that will help Maine companies stay ahead of the global competition with new products, better and more efficient processes, and the development of new materials that are sustainable.

**Northern Maine Community College** was established in 1961 and impacts more than 2,000 students annually through its programs of study. More than 7,000 graduates are now meeting employer needs throughout the state, the nation, and abroad.



The **University of Maine at Fort Kent**, founded in 1878, offers its 1,300 students programs that focus on living and working in rural communities close to Maine's natural environment and that respond to the needs of northern Maine.



The **University of Maine at Presque Isle** provides its 1,500 traditional and non-traditional students with life-changing opportunities in a caring, small-university environment. Established in 1903, the University offers more than 100 programs of study that focus on adventure learning and community service.



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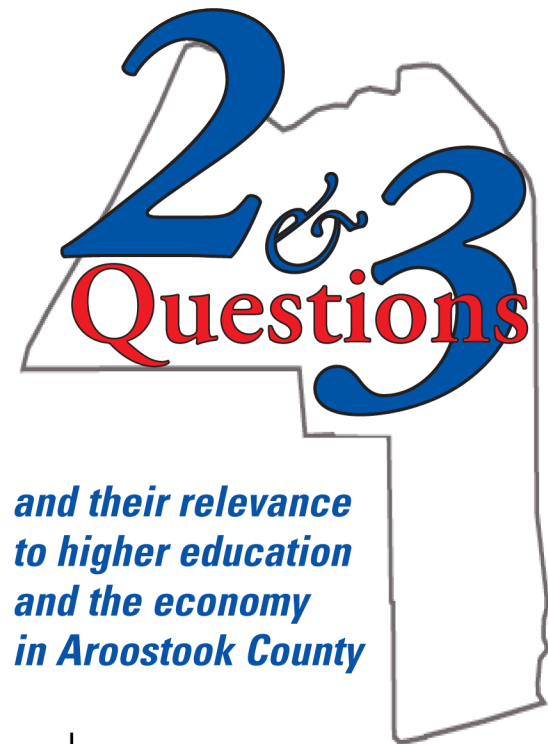
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## Important Information About



*and their relevance to higher education and the economy in Aroostook County*



**On Nov. 6, Maine will vote on five referendum questions.**

## **Question 3 will have a significant impact on higher education in Aroostook County.**

### **THE QUESTION:**

*Do you favor a \$43.5 million bond issue for interior and exterior building renovations, improvements and additions at all campuses of the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System; to replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund for school repairs and renovations; and to support capital improvements for cultural and educational assets such as museums, historical facilities and libraries?*

From this bond, the Universities of Maine at Presque Isle and Fort Kent would receive \$1.4 million each, and Northern Maine Community College would receive about \$760,000, for “bricks and mortar” improvements.

Statewide approval for this bond would directly benefit Aroostook County’s college and universities as they strive to provide quality education in a modern classroom setting.



**Passage of Bond Question 3** provides \$758,000 to Northern Maine Community College to assist in funding needed renovations in the Mailman Trades Building and the A.K. Christie Complex. The Mailman facility houses many of the college trade and technical occupation programs, including automotive technology, diesel hydraulics, plumbing and heating, residential construction and welding. The Christie Complex serves as the primary campus classroom facility. The projects will incorporate upgrades to heating and ventilation systems to maximize energy efficiency. Students in all programs will also benefit from new classroom technology. Collectively, the funding is directed in areas critically important to the College’s mission of providing an educated and well-trained workforce for Aroostook County’s economy.



**Over each of the past six years**, student enrollment at the University of Maine at Fort Kent has grown. Since 2002, student enrollment at UMFK has increased more than 50 per cent. The University intends to construct a new classroom building extension, located off of Nadeau Hall. If approved, the construction will:

- ✓ Construct modern classrooms for student instruction
- ✓ Provide offices where faculty can prepare their weekly class lectures, as well as advise students in confidential surroundings
- ✓ Offer students and faculty alike with state-of-the art laboratories for research and experimentation



**If Question 3 passes**, the University will receive \$1.4 million for renovations in Folsom/ Pullen Hall, the main classroom and laboratory building on campus. Work includes:



- ✓ Updating the heating and ventilation system. Noise from the 50-year-old system is disruptive to the learning environment.
  - ✓ New energy efficient windows, which would prevent significant heat loss.
  - ✓ ADA accessibility. Right now, only one of the building’s bathrooms is accessible.
  - ✓ Consideration of air to air heat pumps and solar panels as part of the university’s carbon neutral commitment.
- These improvements will put many of the classrooms in functional shape for teaching and learning in the 21st century.