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My child attends pre school at arc en ceil Montessori school in N. Portland. The park directly across the street is, unfortunately, frequently a site for drug use and gun violence. Last month, a years long investigation resulted in a raid targeting a convenience store one block away that has been a long known contributor to these crimes. When charges were pressed, the ones involving crime occurring within 1000 feet of a school had to be dropped because preschools are not classified as schools under current law. Please address this loop hole so that any crimes that continue to occur here can have charges related to proximity to a school included in the penalties, in an effort to keep our children and the wider community safe. Thank you.