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EXHIBIT: IV.D.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: April 11, 2007

RE: Initiation of Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers and Administrators

Background: Praxis II tests and test scores have been added to the chart for pre-K early childhood, blind, health, theater, and PLT. A replacement Praxis II test and test score has been added to the chart for pre-K teacher of students with disabilities. There will be a period of one year during which the pre-K teacher of students with disabilities endorsement allows a person to meet either the current (Test Code 0353) or the new (Test Code 0690) PRAXIS II exam.

Educators holding a valid comparable certificate from another state will not be required to meet the PPST or PLT test requirements. Chapter 13 has been amended accordingly.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve proceeding with rulemaking regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).