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**EXHIBIT: IV. C.**

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

DATE: July 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Consideration for final adoption of Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department and the State Board of Education propose to amend the rules governing educator certification support systems. Among the amendments was the inclusion of required performance standards: Maine's Initial Teacher Certification Standards. The proposed amendments include revised definitions and procedures for use by local support systems, which support professional educators in seeking higher certification. The proposed changes to rule are the result of the work of a stakeholders group which met monthly from January 2004 through April 2006, and subsequent rule making periods and resulting comments. The proposed changes are presented to the Board for consideration with the concurrence of all stakeholders, and the Maine Department of Education. This rule is not major and substantive and thus is not subject to time constraints that honor legislative approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 118 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

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