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EXHIBIT IV.B.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: September 12, 2007

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Design and funding Approval Consideration*; SAD #46, Dexter Elementary School project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The architect has proposed that this project be bid in two stages. The site work will be bid five months prior to the bidding on the building. The reasons for the earlier bid are the extensive site work required including ledge removal, utilities, parking, and road intersection work. The separate site work bid will support a faster schedule for completing the project, anticipated site cost savings with winter work, and provisions for a building pad and site preparation prior to the building bids.

The architect and the civil engineers have met with personnel from both the Bureau of General Services and the Department of Education, and potential issues and conflicts between the two bid packages have been resolved.

The total project cost for the project is \$30,587,000. Of this \$5,715,000 is the site development project cost.

A detailed cost analysis has been prepared and carefully reviewed. The analysis is on file at the Department of Education.

Should the site development bid come in under budget, the balance of unencumbered funds would be available for the second bidding phase of the project.

Project Information:

Project: SAD #46 PreK-8 Elementary School in Dexter, Maine

Superintendent: Kevin Jordan

Principals: Julianna Richard and Terry Wood

Architect: Steve Blatt, AIA, Stephen Blatt Architects

Proposed Schools Closed: Dexter Primary School, Dexter Middle School, Garland Elementary School, and Exeter Consolidated School.

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Project Budget Information:

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$30,587,000
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$29,905,000
Local Only Cost: \$562,000
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$120,000

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee met on September 4, 2007, and voted unanimously to send this exhibit to the State Board of Education for consideration with an approval recommendation.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to SAD #46 for the new Dexter Elementary School Major Capital School Construction Project.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

****This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:**

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”