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EXHIBIT #IV.C.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: October 15, 2008

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; Brewer High School District Trustees, new preK-8 school construction project in Brewer, Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

On August 12, 2008, the State Board of Education approved Design & Funding Approval for the new elementary school in Brewer. At the same meeting the State Board of Education approved the first phase of the project to prepare the site for the construction project.

Brewer is now ready to proceed with the second phase of the project which is the construction of the new school. Brewer is seeking approval to proceed under the financial limitations established on August 12, 2008, in Phase 1, Design and Funding Approval. The actual beginning date for construction will be determined as the Superintendent works through the project dates with Department of Education personnel.

The new elementary school will be constructed in Brewer, Maine, and house 1050 students, grades preK through 8. The project received Concept Approval on October 10, 2007. The subsequent referendum passed with a 90% vote in favor of the project.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

Brewer High School District Trustees is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a preK-8 elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The Brewer High School District Trustees proposed school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;

- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the City of Brewer.

- The Brewer High School District Trustees estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and

- The Brewer High School District Trustees proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: Brewer Elementary School
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Lee
Principal: vacant
Architect: Steve Pederson, AIA, LEED^{AP}, WBRC Architects
School(s) to be closed: Capri Street Elementary, Pendleton Street Elementary, State Street Elementary, Washington Street Elementary, and Brewer Middle School.

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: October 10, 2007
Total Project Cost: $39,716,474
Local Only (no State participation): $2,770,500
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: $36,717,383
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant and other gifts/grants: $228,591.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee will consider this Design and Funding Approval request at its October 6, 2008, meeting.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Brewer High School District Trustees for a preK-8 elementary school in Brewer, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

*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."