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Exhibit #IV.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: November 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Major Capital Improvement Program; *Concept Approval Consideration*; Lewiston School Department, Pettingill Elementary School Project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Lewiston's Pettingill project was number six on the 2004-2005 Rating Cycle Approved Projects List. Lewiston was very fortunate to find an excellent site on College Street, which is a major artery in Lewiston. The site is presently used as a driving range and miniature golf course. The rear of the site touches on Central Avenue allowing easy access to public sewer, public water, an emergency entrance as well as a bicycle and pedestrian way. The new building is designed to house 624 students and will help to alleviate over crowding in other elementary schools in Lewiston.

This Concept Approval is being requested pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

Project Information:

Project: Lewiston, Pettingill Elementary School Project
Superintendent: Leon Levesque
Principal: David Bartlett
Architect: Jeffrey Larimer, AIA, Harriman Associates
School Replaced: Pettingill Elementary School PreK-6

Superintendent Levesque has provided the following project description statement:

The new preK-6 school will replace the existing Pettingill School and reduce overcrowding at Montello Elementary School. Pettingill Elementary School was built in the 1920's with additions in the late 1950's. Montello Elementary School houses 930 students and does not have adequate space to accommodate program needs.

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Through redistricting, students from Montello will join students from Pettingill to form a new school within a mile of their present locations. School sizes will promote efficiencies in operating costs. The construction of this school is a critical step in the school department's master plan to provide adequate program space. This project will improve the delivery of education for some 1,300 students by means of a modern, safe facility designed to meet program needs and by permitting a redesign of space utilization at Montello Elementary School.

As Lewiston becomes a more diverse community, the school department must be able to adapt the use of its facilities to meet the educational needs of its students. This project is critical to the school department's capacity to do so.

Project Budget Information:

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$22,059,989

Approved State/Local Debt Service: \$21,175,358

Local Only Cost: \$764,631

Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$120,000

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on November 6, 2006, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to the Lewiston School Department for a PreK-6 school construction project located in Lewiston, Maine.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board grant Concept Approval to Lewiston School Department for a PreK-6 elementary school in Lewiston and approve the budget as presented.

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team