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EXHIBIT: #V.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: November 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Review Team Report Concerning the Application from Antioch University New England, located in Keene, New Hampshire, to Renew Its Prior Approval to Offer Academic Credit Programs in Maine

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from Antioch University New England, (formerly known as Antioch New England Graduate School), located in Keene, New Hampshire, made application for renewal of prior approval to offer programs leading to completion of requirements for the degree of Master of Education in Foundations of Education (Professional Development and Critical Skills/Education by Design concentrations) and Critical Skills/Education by Design Institutes.

The Antioch University New England application has been reviewed in accordance with the rules established by the Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. The report of the Review Team Report is being distributed to Board members during this meeting. Board action will be sought during the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Board.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education receive the report of the Review Team for the Antioch University New England request for renewal to offer in Maine programs leading to the completion of requirements for the degree of Master of Education in Foundations of Education (Professional Development and Critical Skills/Education By Design concentrations) and Critical Skills/Education By Design Institutes. Consideration of this report will be an agenda item for the December 9, 2009 Board meeting.

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