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EXHIBIT # III.A.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner

Date: October 11, 2006

Subject: Major Capital Improvement Program; *Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; SAD #21 New Elementary School construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The SAD #21 school construction project received Concept Approval by the State Board of Education on November 9, 2005. The project was approved in local referendum on December 13, 2005. The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A.

SAD #21 is requesting Design and Funding Approval for their proposed elementary school construction project qualifying under state statute and the State Board of Education's Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects:

1. the SAD #21 proposed project is eligible for school construction aid under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
2. the proposed project and the authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and SAD #21;
3. the total estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
4. SAD #21's proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 3.01.

Project Information:

Project: SAD #21 Elementary School
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Ward
Principal: Vacant
Architect: Lyndon Keck, Portland Design Team

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Concept Approval Date and Project Cost: November 9, 2005; \$14,012,035

Approved for State/Local Debt Service: \$13,511,527

Local Only Funds: \$380,508

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to SAD #21 for a Pre-K-5 school Capital Improvement Construction project.

This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 15 of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“When it is determined by the Commissioner, following the opening of school construction bids, that there are surplus funds contained in a project budget, the State Board directs the Department of Education (DOE), with the advice of the Bureau of General Services, to initiate a process to lower the approved State/Local budget amount to the appropriate funding level, thus, providing additional funds for other projects awaiting Concept Approval.”

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