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EXHIBIT #V.D.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Notification of Intent by Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) Administration to Change its Name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP), effective July 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND: In late-March, 2014 the Department was notified by corporate counsel representing Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) of the intent to change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions. It was made clear to the Department that the sole reason for the name change is that the College's current name has proven, over time, to be too cumbersome. The Department has also been assured that the change in name will not result in any changes to the institution's current authorization to offer the AAS in Nursing degree.

While the Department had been alerted to the institution's intent to make this change, further action on this matter was deferred, at the institution's request, until after graduation ceremonies so as to avoid further confusion on the part of its students and families. It was understood that once commencement exercises had been concluded the institution would formally notify the Commissioner of its name change plans. In the meantime, a review of Title 20-A, Chapter 409, Degree-Granting Institutions, was conducted and the Department has concluded the following: 1) the name change will not be affected by the definitions as set forth in §10701; 2) will not involve any of the prohibition criteria in §10711; and 3) will not initiate any circumstances resulting in termination of degree-granting authority as listed in §10712. Rather, the change in name falls under the criteria listed in the second sentence of §10712, Item 4, Merger; consolidation; reorganization.

The Department has determined that there are no further requirements, in either statute or rule, that need to be satisfied. However, the institution's representatives were advised that a letter of notification would need to be sent to the Commissioner when the institution was prepared to proceed with the name change. In this letter the College's intention to seek the name change would be specified. It was also made clear that with the change in name no further degrees could be conferred by or in the name of CMMCCHP following a stated effective date.

In a letter from the President, Susan C. Baltrus, dated May 19, 2014, the Department was formally notified that the College will change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions, effective July 1, 2014. The Department has also been notified that Articles of Amendment have been filed with the Office of Secretary of State; affirmation has been received that no future degrees will be conferred in the name of CMMCCHP.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the notification of the change in name by administration from the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP); and, that the State Board of Education recognize the institution's change in name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP), with the effective date being July 1, 2014.

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