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TO: Members of the State Board of Education's CHE Committee

FROM: Michael T. Perry, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services, Maine Department of Education, on Behalf of Commissioner Pender Makin

DATE: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Colby College Educator Preparation Program Review Team

BACKGROUND: Colby College's Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is reaching the end of its current approval cycle. The program has indicated its desire to renew State Board approval for its existing programs and to seek approval in three new programs. Colby College has prepared the requisite self-study materials in advance of an in-person review.

State Board of Education Rule Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel lays out the process by which educator preparation programs are approved in Maine. The chapter defines a review team as, "A team of educators recommended to the State Board of Education by the Commissioner". Subsection 3.4 ("Preparation of the Self Assessment") further explains that a "Review Team will consist of 4-5 team members, plus the MDOE consultant and a State Board of Education Observer".

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Colby College EPP Review Team:

Linda Fuller, M.Ed, Co-Director of Educational Studies, College of the Atlantic (Chair)
Justin Dimmel, PhD, Associate Dean for Academics & Student Engagement, University of Maine
Evan Mooney, PhD, Assistant Professor & Clinical Director of Teacher Education, Husson University
Christina O'Neal, PhD, Educator Excellence Coordinator, Maine Department of Education
Rachel Sommerville, EdD, Associate Professor & Program Chair of Art Education, Maine College of Art & Design

Non-voting observers of the Colby College EPP Review will include the following:

James E. Ford, State Board of Education
Laura Cyr, PhD, Maine Department of Education
Michael T. Perry, Maine Department of Education

Pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), this review team is hereby "submitted to the State Board for approval prior to visitation".

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), approve Dr. Linda Fuller of the College of the Atlantic, Dr. Justin Dimmel of the University of Maine, Dr. Evan Mooney of Husson University, Dr. Christina O'Neal of the Department of Education, and Dr. Rachel Sommerville of the Maine College of Art & Design to serve on the review team for the Colby College Educator Preparation Program Review, with Dr. Fuller serving as chair and Mr. Ford serving as State Board of Education observer.