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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** April 14, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Major Capital Improvement Program, *Design & Funding Approval Consideration*  
Lincolnvile School Department; Lincolnvile Central School Project.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The new Lincolnvile Central School construction project received Concept Approval on September 12, 2003. The project was approved in a referendum held on November 4, 2003. This Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 20-A. The construction project will take place on the Lincolnvile School site. The original Lincolnvile Central School was found to be badly contaminated with mold and will be demolished as part of the project.

Lincolnvile will make a major financial contribution to the project through fund raising and a local appropriation of more than \$2,500,000. This will finance an oversized gymnasium, an oversized auditoria, additional classrooms, and architectural enhancements. Lincolnvile will begin its project prior to the DOE's construction initiation date and will use local monies to finance construction rather than the use of bond anticipation notes. Any additional dollars above those allocated on the project budget for the early construction start will be a local responsibility.

The new building will permit Lincolnvile to move from leased space in an MBNA owned building to a school of its own.

Lincolnvile requests Design and Funding Approval for a new elementary school construction project that qualifies under State statute and State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects; and it is therefore recommended that the State Board of Education approve the following:

- That Lincolnvile's proposed project is eligible for school construction aid under M.R.S.A. Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- That the proposed project and the authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the school unit;

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- That the total state/local estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- That Lincolnville's proposed project is in compliance with M.R.S.A. Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to the provisions of special education facilities.

***Project Information:***

Project: Lincolnville Central School  
Superintendent: David Wiggin  
Principal: Paul Russo  
Architectural Firm: Oak Point Associates

**Concept Approval Date and Amount:** September 12, 2003      \$ 9,827,054  
**Design & Funding Approval Date and Amount:** April 14, 2004      \$ 9,827,054  
**Amount Included in Subsidized Debt Service:** \$ 7,192,119  
**Local Only Project Funds:** \$ 2,514,935  
**Maine High Performance School Grant:** \$ 120,000  
**Increase (Decrease) From Concept Amount:** \$ -0-

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to Lincolnville School Department for the Lincolnville Central School Major Capital Improvement Project.

**This approval constitutes Design 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 budget to the appropriate funding level, thus, providing additional funds for other projects awaiting concept approval.”***

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