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EXHIBIT #VII.B.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: July 15, 2009

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; Brunswick School Department, new elementary school construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The new elementary school will be constructed in Brunswick, Maine, and house 600 students, grades 3 through 5. The project received Concept Approval on April 9, 2008. The subsequent referendum passed with a 60% vote in favor of the project.

The project has been broken into components to simplify and expedite the process. Construction will start as soon as demolition of the old Brunswick High School and Armory is complete.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

The Brunswick School Department is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a new elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The proposed Brunswick elementary school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the town of Brunswick.
- The Brunswick elementary school estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The proposed Brunswick elementary school project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

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Project Information

Project: New Brunswick 3-5 elementary school
Superintendent: Paul Perzanoski
Principal: vacant
Architect: Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects
School(s) to be closed: Hawthorne School and Longfellow School

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: April 9, 2008
Total Project Cost: \$28,560,000
Local Only (no State participation): \$3,379,200
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$24,939,360
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant and local fund raising: \$241,440

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee voted unanimously on July 7, 2009, to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Brunswick School Department for a new grade 3-5 elementary school in Brunswick, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Brunswick School Department for a new grades 3-5 elementary school in Brunswick, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”