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EXHIBIT IV.D.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: August 12, 2008

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Phase I Site Preparation Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; City of Brewer High School District, New PreK-8 school construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The new school will be constructed in Brewer, Maine, and house 1,050 students, grades preK-8. The State Board of Education granted Concept Approval to the Brewer School Department project on October 10, 2007. That approval was amended on November 14, 2007, to reflect that the approval was given to the City of Brewer High School District, which is the correct title of the district. The subsequent referendum passed with a 90% vote in favor of the project.

The architect for this project is proposing that the project be bid in two phases. The proposed Phase I site preparation work is to be bid approximately three months prior to the bidding of Phase II. Phase I work would start in September 2008 and is estimated to be accomplished by the end of December 2008.

The rationale for doing Phase I separately is to eliminate one winter of working conditions, perhaps save on diesel and other fuel costs by working as soon as possible, and finishing the project approximately three months earlier than originally planned.

Phase I will consist primarily of site work including demolition, earth work, subgrade preparation, and major site utilities.

The total cost of the project is \$39,487,883. Of this it is estimated that Phase I will cost \$3,099,640. A detailed cost analysis has been prepared, reviewed and is on file at the Department of Education.

Project Information

Project: New Brewer PreK-8 School
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Lee
Principal: Joan Staffiere
Architect: Steve Pederson, WBRC Architects
School(s) to be closed: Capri Street Elementary School, Pendleton Street Elementary School, State Street Elementary School, Washington Street Elementary School, and Brewer Middle School.

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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Construction Committee gained consensus to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Phase I Site Preparation Design and Funding Approval to City of Brewer High School District for a new preK-8 school construction project located in Brewer, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Phase I Site Preparation Design and Funding Approval to the City of Brewer High School District for a new PreK-8 school in Brewer, 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.”