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EXHIBIT: #IX.E.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: July 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of the proposed Review Team Members to Assess the Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authority as Submitted by Andover College to Award Certain Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees.

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, § 10704 provides that any educational institution may confer additional degrees if it has initially been granted authority by an Act of the Legislature. Under Chapter 149 CMR, additional degree-granting authority must be sought from and approval granted by the Maine State Board of Education.

Officials from Andover College, located in South Portland, Maine, have submitted an application seeking degree-granting authority to confer ten (10) degrees at the baccalaureate level as well as three (3) degrees at the associate level. Specifically, the College is proposing to offer the Bachelor of Science in: Business Administration; Accounting; Criminal Justice; Health Sciences; Legal Studies; Communication; Health and Wellness; Nutrition Science; Early Childhood Education; Interdisciplinary Studies and to offer the Associate of Applied Science in: Computer Information Systems; Mental Health Technician; and Nursing. The College's application contains detailed descriptions for each of these programs and notes that most of the baccalaureate programs are natural extensions current Andover College associate level programming.

In February 2005, Kaplan Higher Education Corporation (KHEC) acquired the common stock of Andover College. This acquisition involved the transfer of all of the College's voting stock to KHEC-Maine, Inc. Articles of Incorporation were secured through the Office of the Secretary of State and the new owners retained Andover College's name, programming, faculty/staff, and facilities. Andover College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). NEASC has been advised that the College is seeking additional degree-granting authority through the Maine State Board of Education and that Board appointed Review Team will assess the application during an on-site visit to be scheduled in September, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the roster of proposed Review Team members to assess the application from Andover College for additional degree-granting authority to confer the aforementioned degrees at the baccalaureate and associate degree levels.

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Proposed Review Committee Membership

Andover College has requested the review and approval of its application for additional degree-granting authorization. The following, for Board approval, is the proposed list of Maine educators to serve on the Review Team:

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