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EXHIBIT: IV.F.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: September 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Consideration of Proposed Maine State Board of Education Rules in Support of the Necessary Policies and Procedures to Implement Chapter 469 – “An Act to Allow Tax Credits for College Loan Repayments

BACKGROUND: The 123rd Legislature enacted LD 1856 – “An Act to Allow Tax Credits for College Loan Repayments”. This act specifies that the State Board of Education “. . . shall, in accordance with section 3, adopt rules, which are routine and technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter”. This chapter also requires the State Board “. . . shall draft an opportunity contract for use in enrolling individuals in the program” and specifies what the opportunity contract must contain. This chapter states that the credit for educational opportunity initiative must be in place by January 1, 2008.

For the Board’s consideration, the following documents are being provided: 1) a copy of LD 1856 which, upon enactment became Chapter 469; 2) a copy of the proposed rules to support implementation of Chapter 469; 3) a copy of the proposed student opportunity contract; and 4) a copy of the proposed timeline that is designed to enable the Board to meet the January 1, 2008 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education endorse the proposed rules in support of implementation of Chapter 469; and that the State Board act to initiate the APA process, thereby enabling the proposed rules to be considered and commented upon through public hearing, and thereafter altered, as appropriate, prior to a vote by the Board to formally adopt the necessary rules.

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