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EXHIBIT: #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Review Team Report of Findings Concerning the Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authorization as Submitted by The Landing School to Award the Associate of Applied Science in Marine Industry Technology degree.

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, § 10704 provides that any educational institution may confer certain degrees if it has been granted initial authority by an Act of the Legislature. By an Act of the Legislature, in 2006, the Landing School was authorized to confer the Associate of Applied Science degree.

Officials of The Landing School, located in Kennebunkport, Maine, submitted an application seeking authority to confer the additional degree of Associate of Applied Science in Marine Industry Technology. This degree would be awarded to graduates with either a concentration in: Comprehensive Boat Construction; Yacht Design and Construction; or Marine Systems Design.

The Landing School is incorporated in the State of Maine as a non-profit, postsecondary vocational education institution. To date, the School has enrolled certificate, diploma, continuing education, and Associate of Applied Science degree students. In 1987, The Landing School became the first school of its type to become accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. Renamed in 1993, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT) is recognized by the US Secretary of Education as a nationally approved accrediting agency under the provisions of Chapter 33, Title 38, U.S. Code and subsequent legislation

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team's Report of Findings grant the request from The Landing School to confer the degree of Associate of Applied Science in Marine Industry Technology.

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