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Exhibit #VI.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner*
DATE: September 10, 2014
SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Proceed with Rulemaking Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Much of the statutory language pertaining to Chapter 60 has been repealed and the remaining information is presently contained in Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 7, Site Selection.

The reason for this proposal is to eliminate Chapter 60, New School Siting Approval in its entirety.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the proposed elimination of Chapter 60, New School Siting Approval, a major substantive rule. It is also recommended that the State Board of Education authorize proceeding with rulemaking in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On September 2, 2014, the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant approval to proceed with rulemaking Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval.

* Prepared by the Division of School Facilities