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EXHIBIT: #VI.D.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner\*

DATE: September 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Report of Findings Regarding the Request of Endicott College to Receive Degree Granting Authorization to offer Academic Credit Programs in the State of Maine

**BACKGROUND:** At the June 15, 2016 meeting, the State Board of Education voted to accept the Report of Findings for the Endicott College application to receive degree granting authorization. On May 26, 2016 under the chairpersonship of Dr. Bruno Hicks, the review team interviewed the Endicott College academic administrators by video conference and the Maine Educator's Consortium Director Ms. Donna Cameron by face-to-face. The Report of Findings was compiled using information obtained from the interviews and supplementary data requested by the review team.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education vote to approve Endicott College's application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine under the following conditions: that Endicott College be granted probationary approval from September 14, 2016 to July 31, 2017 and be required to develop and submit a self-study report to the Maine Department of Education no later than ninety days prior to lapse of approval period. The Self-study would include documentation that Endicott College has met their commitment to the Maine Department of Education, and has assessed and addressed the progress of the team's recommendations associated with Standards A, D and H. Following review of the Self-study by a new review team (appointed by the State Board of Education) a recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education as to whether Endicott College's approval should be extended.

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