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EXHIBIT #VI.A.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*

Date: November 9, 2016

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;
RSU #02 – new PreK-8 Construction Project

STATEMENT OF FACT

Superintendent of Schools, William Zima, requests that the State Board of Education grant site approval for RSU #02 in Monmouth, Maine for a PreK-8 school construction project.

The proposed site is made up of three parcels equaling a total of 45.8 acres of which the state will support the funding of 29 acres. The proposed property is former farmland and is adjacent to the high school property. This site is currently located in the community and benefits from good access and is well served by utility and transportation infrastructures.

In addition to the selected site there were three properties that were identified. One parcel was not large enough to support the program and the other two were not considered due to the distance from Monmouth Academy which shares many programs with the middle school.

Site investigations and environmental analysis studies have been conducted and have not revealed anything of significance. A completed site application is on file with the Department of Education and meets all the criteria of the State Board of Education's Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects. The architects and engineers have met with all the required local and state agencies and they have responded positively to the proposed project.

In a public meeting on October 20, 2016 a "straw poll" was held on this proposed site for the new PreK-8 school and this vote was 60 in favor and 0 against.

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Site Approval Consideration; RSU #02

Date: November 09, 2016

Project Information:

Project: RSU #02 PreK-8 Construction Project

Superintendent: William Zima

Architect: Oak Point Associates – Rob Tillotson

Total number of acres: 45.8 (new school site)

Total number of eligible acres for State support: 29

Total State share of Purchase Cost: \$95,005.

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION

The Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval for the site as presented in this exhibit to RSU #02 for a new PreK-8 elementary school according to the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On October 28, 2016, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU #02 for a PreK-8 school construction project according to the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

*Prepared by the Division of School Facilities