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EXHIBIT #V.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Interim Report Regarding the Saint Joseph's College Teacher Education Program

BACKGROUND: In late fall 2011 Saint Joseph's College requested an on-site campus visitation for the review of the following teacher preparation programs:

- Elementary Education (K-8) - Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Secondary Education (7-12) – Minor (English, Mathematics, History, Life Science, Physical Science)
- Physical Education (K-12) - Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

The on-site visit was conducted from February 5th through February 8th, 2012. Following the on-site visit, a Review Team Report was prepared which included findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Team Report was distributed for receipt to Board members during the Board's April 11, 2012 meeting. Action on this report was taken by State Board members during its May 9, 2012 meeting at which time the Board approved the following recommendation:

“That the Saint Joseph's College teacher education programs be granted program approval from winter 2012 to winter 2014 and that the Unit be required to develop and submit an Interim Report to the Maine Department of Education no later than January 31, 2014.” The Interim Report was to be limited to the Unit's response regarding the Team's recommendations associated with Unit Standard Four - Diversity. The required Interim Report from Saint Joseph's College was received and distributed to Board members during the May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board accept the Saint Joseph's College Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2017.

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