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**EXHIBIT: #VIII.B.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Stephen L. Bowen, Commissioner\*  
**DATE:** May 9, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Receipt of the Interim Report Regarding the University of Maine at Fort Kent Teacher Education Program

**BACKGROUND:**

A State program approval visit to the University of Maine at Fort Kent was conducted from Sunday, March 21, 2010 through Wednesday, March 24, 2010 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator certification programs:

Elementary Education (K-8),	Modern and Classical Languages (K-12),
Computer Technology (K-12),	Secondary Life Sciences (7-12),
Secondary Social Studies (7-12)	English /Language Arts (7-12).

Following the on-site visit, a report was prepared which included findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Team Report was considered by the Board members during its June 10, 2010 meeting at which time the Board approved the following recommendation:

That the Maine State Board of Education grant State program approval to the University of Maine at Fort Kent educator preparation programs through December 31, 2012. It is further recommended that the Board require an Interim Report, addressing the Team's recommendations concerning Standard 1, *Initial Teacher Candidate Performance* and Standard 3, *Field Experiences and Clinical Practice*. The Interim Report should be submitted to the State Board by December 31, 2012. Upon acceptance of this report the Board may then wish to extend State program approval to the spring of 2015.

The UMFK Interim Report has been submitted along with supporting appendices. It is prepared for distribution to Board members during the May 9, 2012 meeting. Action on this report will appear as an agenda item for the Board's June 13, 2012 meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the Interim Report Regarding the University of Maine at Fort Kent Teacher Education Program Teacher Education Program.

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