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EXHIBIT: #IX.A

TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Stephen L. Bowen, Commissioner*
DATE: May 9, 2012
SUBJECT: Consideration of the Team Report of Findings for the University of Maine at Presque Isle Educator Preparation Program Review

BACKGROUND: The University of Maine at Presque Isle had requested a campus visit to review, for renewal, its teacher preparation programs in the following areas:

Elementary Education (K-8)

Secondary Education (7-12)

- Life Sciences
- English
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- Mathematics

Physical Education (K-12)

Health Education (K-12)

Foreign Language (K-12)

Arts Education (K-12)

An on-site Review Team visit was conducted February 12 – 15, 2012. Following the on-site visit the Team's report of findings was developed, reviewed by Team members in final draft, shared with the applicant to check for any errors of fact or figure, and assembled in final form for submission to the State Board. The Review Team's Report of Findings was distributed for receipt during the April 11, 2012 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the University of Maine at Presque Isle teacher education program 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 would be limited to the Unit's response to the team's recommendations associated with Standards One and Two. Following review of the Interim Report, a recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education as to whether the Unit's approval should be extended through the Winter 2016.

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