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EXHIBIT: #VI.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Acting Commissioner*

DATE: February 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Request from University of Maine Presque Isle for Acceptance of the Interim Report on its Educator Preparation Program from the 2012 Review and Approval of its Educator Preparation Program through 2015

BACKGROUND:

In 2010 the State Board of Education extended approval of the University of Maine Presque Isle's Educator Preparation Program from 2010 through 2012. In the Winter of 2012 the University of Maine Presque Isle Educator Preparation Program was reviewed and a report from the review team was submitted to the Board with recommendations for improvement. The Board required UMPI to provide the Maine DOE with an interim report in January 2014 and asked UMPI to describe the steps taken to address the recommendations identified by the 2012 review team.

The University of Maine Presque Isle delivered an interim report to the Maine DOE describing the actions that UMPI has taken to implement the recommendations described in the 2012 review. The Maine DOE received and reviewed the UMPI report. The report focuses on the implementation of the review team's recommendations concerning the explicit links to *Maine's Ten Initial Certification Standards* and the identification of assessments and data tools to measure candidate progress toward the standards and analyze data for program improvement. It is the opinion of Dr. Katherine Yardley, the 2012 Review Team Chair, and the Maine DOE that The University of Maine Presque Isle has made significant progress since 2012. The conceptual framework is clear and cites a variety of sources, Censeo is being implemented, and an assessment system has been developed. Faculty are now collecting and analyzing their data for program improvement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the State Board of Education accept the interim report from the University of Maine Presque Isle as evidence of implementation of the recommendations described in the 2012 review team report and that the Board grant program approval for the University of Maine Presque Isle's Educator Preparation Program through Winter 2015.

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