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EXHIBIT #VII.E.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Rachelle Tome, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: December 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Review Team Report of Findings Concerning the Unity College Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authority

BACKGROUND: Unity College is a fully accredited higher education institution located in Unity, Maine. It is currently authorized to confer four academic degrees: the Bachelor of Arts; the Bachelor of Science; the Associate of Arts; and the Associate of Science. The College applied for additional degree-granting authority to offer a graduate degree, the Master of Professional Science, in the fall of 2015. On September 24, 2014, the State Board approved Review Team met with Unity College administration and academic representatives in the offices of the Maine Department of Education. During this meeting the Review Team conducted its evaluation of the College's application focusing upon whether the applicant's proposal meets the Board's degree-granting standards, as found in Title 21-A, Chapter 170.

Following this meeting the Review Team developed its Report of Findings. During the November 12, 2014 meeting Board members received a copy of the following documents: the Review Team's Report of Findings; the Unity College additional degree-granting application; the College's most recent audited financial statement; and the College's five-year financial plan for implementation of the proposed graduate degree program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Unity College Review Team's Report of Findings and grant masters level degree-granting authority to the College.

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