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EXHIBIT IX.A.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Pender Makin, Commissioner*

Date: December 13, 2023

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program – Additions to the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle

STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Board of Education approved the Major Capital School Construction Final Priority List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle on August 14, 2018. On October 9, 2019, the State Board of Education approved the Commissioner's recommendation to place the first three projects on the Major Capital School Construction Approved Projects List. On November 4, 2020, the State Board of Education approved the Commissioner's recommendation that projects 4 and 5 be added to the Approved Projects List. On September 14, 2022, the State Board of Education approved the Commissioner's recommendation that projects 6 and 7 be added to the Approved Projects List. The Commissioner has reviewed the current approved projects in relation to the statutory debt ceiling.

In accordance with Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5 Approved Projects List, "Placement on the Approved Projects List is an acknowledgement that the pupils in the rated facility have a significant need to be housed under improved circumstances. It does not assure replacement of the facility(ies) that received the rating." Placement on the Approved Projects List will allow the Department to work with the school districts in developing recommendations and timelines for each project.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the attached Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. The Commissioner further recommends project #8 RSU 53/MSAD 53 Manson Park School be designated for Concept Approval in calendar year 2025 and project #9 Augusta Public Schools Lillian Parks Hussey School be designated for Concept Approval in calendar year 2026.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On November 28, 2023, the School Construction Committee recommended that in accordance with Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5 Approved Projects List, that this exhibit be placed on the December 13, 2023, meeting agenda and that the State Board of Education approve the attached Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. The Committee further recommends project #8 RSU 53/MSAD 53 Manson Park School be designated for Concept Approval in calendar year 2025 and project #9 Augusta Public Schools Lillian Parks Hussey School be designated for Concept Approval in calendar year 2026.

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The Maine Commissioner of Education recommends and the State Board of Education designates the following projects from the Final Priority List that it intends to fund for the 2017-18 rating cycle.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	RSU 49/MSAD 49	Fairfield Primary School	10.9.19
2	RSU 54/MSAD 54	North Elementary School	10.9.19
3	RSU 10	Rumford Elementary School	10.9.19
4	Saco Public Schools	Young School	11.4.20
5	RSU 14	Windham Middle School	11.4.20
6	RSU 17/MSAD 17	Agnes Gray School	9.14.22
7	RSU 17/MSAD 17	Oxford Hills Middle School	9.14.22
8	RSU 53/MSAD 53	Manson Park School	12.13.23
9	Augusta Public Schools	Lillian Parks Hussey School	12.13.23