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EXHIBIT IX.E

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Michael T. Perry, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services, Maine Department of Education, on behalf of Commissioner Pender Makin

DATE: April 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Receipt of Husson University Educator Preparation Program Review Team Report in Accordance with Rule Chapter 114

BACKGROUND:

Educator preparation programs (EPPs) in Maine are approved by the State Board of Education following the guidelines laid out by Rule Chapter 114, *Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel*. Approved EPPs are able to recommend graduates for eligibility to earn certification under "Pathway 1" in Rule Chapter 115 for the specific credential areas included in their review.

Husson University in Bangor, Maine, last received a five-year EPP approval in 2019. The program applied for reapproval in 2023 and submitted a self-assessment report indicating their adherence to the EPP standards in Rule Chapter 114. A review team chaired by Dr. Anita Charles of Bates College was approved by the State Board of Education on December 13, 2023, with Hon. Tori Kornfield assigned as the State Board observer. Due to extenuating circumstances involving one of the approved team members, the State Board of Education conducted a special meeting to formally add an additional member on February 1, 2024.

The formal in-person review of Husson University's EPP took place between February 7-10, 2024. The review team finalized consensus findings and recommendations for the State Board of Education, and a draft of their report was reviewed by Husson EPP staff to verify factual accuracy and to provide any feedback or response to the review team's findings. Upon the finalization of the review team report, a draft was received by the State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee at their regular meeting on March 27, 2024.

Now, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.11, the State Board of Education may formally receive documents to review in preparation for taking final action on Husson University's EPP approval request.

RECOMMENDATION: That, pursuant to State Board of Education Rule Chapter 114, subsection 3.11, the State Board of Education receive the Husson University EPP Self-Assessment Report and Husson EPP Review Team Report prior to taking final action regarding Husson University's Educator Preparation Program approval at the Board's next regular meeting.