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EXHIBIT # X.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: A. Pender Makin, Commissioner

DATE: June 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Request Approval of the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education FY26 George Briggs Grant Award

The State Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education any and all pertinent materials so that the State Board may perform its duties, including its fiduciary responsibilities, as the agency responsible for the administration and oversight of the state career and technical education (CTE) program.

The committee oversees the George M. Briggs Award. It reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education. The committee requires the following testimonial statement be included verbally and in printed materials associated with events and activities supported by George Briggs Trust funding: "The George M. Briggs Trust was established in February 1948 through the generosity of the late George Millett Briggs of Turner for the purposes of supporting the field of career and technical education and thereby enabling the young people of Maine to become self-supporting and useful citizens of the State. The State Board of Education is pleased that Mr. Briggs' memory and purposes can be furthered through activities such as awarding MACTE funds to support CTE Directors, Staff, and Students through professional develop and recognition events in order to advance career and technical education in Maine."

Recommendation: The State Board approve the FY26 George Briggs grant award to the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education to support the initial development of a formal strategic plan for Career and Technical Education in Maine. This plan will be developed through a two-phase process, starting in July 2025 and continuing into the 2025–2026 school year. This award is \$8,000 and may be subject to terms and conditions as set forth in the award letter.

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