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EXHIBIT #

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Fern Desjardins, School Construction Committee Chair

Date: January 8, 2025

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program – Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle – Removal of MSAD 46/AOS 94, RSU 80/MSAD 4, RSU 41/MSAD 41, RSU 82/MSAD 12, Greenville Public Schools, Tri-County Technical Center Project

STATEMENT OF FACT

On August 14, 2018, the State Board of Education approved the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Final Priority List recommended by the Commissioner of the Department of Education. On August 11, 2020, project number 3, MSAD 46/AOS 94, RSU 80/MSAD 4, RSU 41/MSAD 41, RSU 82/MSAD 12, Greenville Public Schools, Tri-County Technical Center, was added to the Approved Projects List, which formally initiated the planning process for the project.

The project was approved without an assigned calendar year to obtain Concept Approval. The approved exhibit used in moving the project forward on the Approved Projects List included language or waiver provisions that allowed the project to move forward without an assigned date. This was intended to allow some additional time in initiating the project and required the Department to provide timelines to the State Board in the future.

Funding for the early project costs created challenges resulting in delays in moving the project forward. Leadership for the project sought financial assistance from the Department of Education and private entities to at least partially cover initial costs to get to Site Approval. By the time the legislature passed L.D. 2214, Part AA, Section AA-1, stating that "the Commissioner of Education may provide a grant opportunity of up to \$400,000 for a regional high school construction project involving School Administrative District 4 in Guilford, School Administrative District 41 in Milo and School Administrative District 46 in Dexter," the project had lost its momentum.

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Major Capital School Construction Program – Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility
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80, RSU 70/MSAD 4, RSU 41/MSAD 41, RSU 82/MSAD 12, Greenville Public Schools, Tri-
County Technical Center Project
January 8, 2025

On October 9, 2024, pursuant to State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 6.2.F(1), the State Board of Education adopted a motion to approve 2025 as the assigned calendar year for the project identified in this exhibit to obtain Concept Approval. Failure to obtain Concept Approval in 2025 would result in removal from the Approved Projects List unless a waiver was obtained from the State Board at least 30 days prior to December 31, 2025.

On December 20, 2024, the School Construction Committee of the State Board of Education reviewed the December 5, 2024 correspondence from Kevin Jordan, Superintendent of Schools in MSAD 46/AOS 94, to Fern Desjardins, Chair of the State Board, informing her that “After multiple delays regarding project approval and funding for early project costs the four area school boards involved in this project have made the very difficult decision to end the pursuit for a regional grades 9-16 school in this configuration. The School Boards of SAD #41 and RSU #64 were not willing to upfront early project funds to receive a matching amount from MDOE in pursuit of the next steps in the process.”

The Committee then voted unanimously to remove the project from the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Approved Projects List.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On December 20, 2024, the School Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the January 8, 2025 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board approve the removal of project 3, MSAD 46/AOS 94, RSU 80/MSAD 4, RSU 41/MSAD 41, RSU 82/MSAD 12, Greenville Public Schools, Tri-County Technical Center, from the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16, Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.