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EXHIBIT IX.A.

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 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Receipt of Colby College 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.

A review team approved by the State Board of Education visited Colby College on March 16-18, 2025. The review team finalized consensus findings and recommendations for the State Board of Education, and a draft of their report was reviewed by Colby College staff to verify factual accuracy and to provide any feedback or response to the review team's findings.

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 Colby College'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 Colby College EPP Self-Assessment Report and Colby EPP Review Team Report prior to taking final action regarding Colby College's Educator Preparation Program approval at the Board's next regular meeting.