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A. PENDER MAKIN COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT: IX.A

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: A. Pender Makin, Commissioner

DATE: February 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Request Approval of the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant as

authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st

Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224), requires a designated eligible agency in each State, which in Maine is the State Board of Education, to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. The State Plan was approved by the Office of Career and Technical and Adult Education on May 22, 2020 and has been re-approved in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Further requirements are as follows:

SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include:
- (3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency's responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board of Education Chair has requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team submits a quarterly financial report to the Board and in response to this request we are submitting this report as the second report for FY2025.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The State Board or Education approve the Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, of the State of Maine Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

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