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Kevin Crowley, PhD  
Superintendent of Schools  
RSU 21  
177 Alewife Road  
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Dear Superintendent Crowley:

This letter acknowledges receipt of RSU 21's additional evidence to support the extension to meet the proficiency-based graduation requirements at Kennebunk High School. The Department commends you for your efforts to advance proficiency-based education. The information and evidence presented in RSU 21's request for Extension Option 2 gives the Department reasonable confidence that the benchmarks established for the 2014 -2015 school year will be met and prepare Kennebunk High School to meet the proficiency-based graduation requirements based on secondary school standards after July 1, 2018.

Under a provision in Maine's Basic School Approval Statutes (Maine Revised Statutes 20-A §4502, subsection 8), I grant a waiver of the requirement to award proficiency-based diplomas after January 1, 2018 and extend the time to transition to proficiency-based graduation requirements to after July 1, 2018. This extension is given with trust in the good faith and effort of the staff and students of RSU 21 to work diligently to meet these benchmarks and is contingent upon an annual report to the Maine Department of Education regarding the school administrative units progress toward meeting the requirements of Maine Revised Statutes 20-A §4722-A. This annual report will be embedded in the Confirmation of Readiness application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James E. Rier, Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

James E. Rier, Jr.  
Commissioner of Education