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February 25, 2015

Andrew Dolloff
Superintendent of Schools
Yarmouth Public Schools
101 McCartney Street
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Dear Superintendent Dolloff:

This letter acknowledges receipt of Yarmouth Public School's request for an extension to meet the proficiency-based graduation requirements. The information and evidence presented in Yarmouth'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 Yarmouth 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 Yarmouth Public Schools 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 black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Desjardin".

Thomas A. Desjardin
Acting Commissioner of Education