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EXHIBIT: #III.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Receipt of the NCATE Report on the Unit Accreditation Board's Action
Concerning Continuing National Accreditation of the University of Maine
College of Education and Human Development

BACKGROUND: At its April 13-17, 2008 meeting in Dallas, Texas, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the application for accreditation of the College of Education and Human Development as the unit that oversees the professional education offerings at University of Maine. Attached to this exhibit, Board members will find a copy of the action report from the Unit Accreditation Board and action letter from Dr. Arthur Wise, NCATE president.

It was the decision of the Unit Accreditation Board to continue the accreditation of the College of Education and Human Development at University of Maine at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. While there are some Areas For Improvement (AFIs) cited, this action removes the prior condition from Standard 4 and returns the institution to its regular accreditation cycle. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the NCATE documentation concerning the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development continuing accreditation status.

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