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EXHIBIT #VII.C.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: July 15, 2009

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Phase 1 Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; SAD 22/RSU 22 New Hampden Academy school construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Hampden Academy will be constructed in Hampden, Maine, and house 800 students, grades 9 through 12. The project received Concept Approval on August 12, 2008. The subsequent referendum passed with a 71% vote in favor of the project.

Phase 1: The project has been broken down into two phases. Phase 1 will complete the site work for the project and will permit the project to move more quickly than waiting for approval on the site and building. The earlier approval will take advantage of summer weather, a very positive bidding environment, and will allow students to occupy the school six months earlier than they would have had the work on the site waited for Design and Funding Approval of the building. In order to control costs and assure adequate funds for the building, the bidders will be asked to hold prices on a number of alternates.

Phase 1 Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, §15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

SAD 22/RSU 22 School Department is requesting Phase 1 Design and Funding Approval for a new high school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The new Hampden Academy proposed school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the communities of the district.
- The SAD 22/RSU 22 estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The new Hampden Academy proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

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Project Information

Project: New Hampden Academy
Superintendent: Richard A. Lyons
Building Committee Chair: Martha Harris, Esq.
Principal: Ruey Yehle
Architect: WBRC Architects
School(s) to be closed: Hampden Academy (original building and additions)

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: July 23, 2008
Total Project Cost: \$51,762,741
Local Only (no State participation): \$6,175,000
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$45,382,741
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$205,000
Phase 1 Site Only: \$10,032,928

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee voted unanimously on July 7, 2009, to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Phase 1 Design and Funding Approval to SAD 22/RSU 22 for a new high school in Hampden, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Phase 1 Design and Funding Approval to SAD 22/RSU 22 for a new high school in Hampden, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”