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EXHIBIT # VI.A.

To: Members of the State Board of Education
From: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*
Date: September 14, 2016
Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; Consideration of Additions to the Approved Projects List for Rating Cycle 2010-2011

STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Board of Education designated six capital projects (1-6) to the Major Capital Construction's Approved Projects List on January 11, 2012. On April 9, 2014 the Board designated an additional six capital projects (7-12.) On August 8, 2016 the Board designated two additional capital projects (13-14). The Deputy Commissioner is now recommending that an additional two projects (15-16) be added to the Approved Projects List. Approval would allow the Department to work with the school districts in developing recommendations and timelines for each project.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Deputy Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

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| 15. RSU #24 Sullivan | Sumner Memorial High School |
| 16. Auburn School Department | Edward Little High School |

It is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated school systems. The Department will provide the State Board with periodic updates on the status of progress toward Concept Approvals of the two designated projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

On September 2, 2016 the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education support the Deputy Commissioner's recommendation to add the two additional projects listed above to the Approved Projects List and approve the time limitations waiver as presented.

*Prepared by the Division of School Facilities