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EXHIBIT

TO: Members of the State Board of Education's CHE Committee

FROM: Michael T. Perry, Director, Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services, Maine Department of Education, on behalf of Commissioner Pender Makin

DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Husson University Educator Preparation Program Review Team

BACKGROUND: Husson University's Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is reaching the end of its current approval cycle. The program has indicated its desire to renew its State Board approval and has prepared self-study materials in advance of an in-person review to be scheduled in early February 2024.

State Board of Education Rule Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel lays out the process by which educator preparation programs are approved in Maine. The definitions in that chapter states that a review team shall be "A team of educators recommended to the State Board of Education by the Commissioner". Subsection 3.4 ("Preparation of the Self Assessment") further explains that a "Review Team will consist of 4-5 team members, plus the MDOE consultant and a State Board of Education Observer".

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Husson University EPP Review Team:

Anita Charles, PhD, Director of Secondary Teacher Education, Bates College (Chair)
Linda Fuller, PhD, Co-Director of Educational Studies & Teacher Cert. Officer, College of the Atlantic
Krysten T. Gorrivan, MS Ed, Assistant Teaching Professor, University of New England
Shannon Sleeper, M.Ed, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Maine at Presque Isle

The two non-voting observers of the Husson University EPP Review will be as follows:

Hon. Tori Kornfield, State Board of Education
Michael T. Perry, Maine Department of Education

Pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), the review team members have been submitted to Husson University, who have indicated there are no known conflicts of interest. Now, per the same subsection of rule, this visitation team is hereby "submitted to the State Board for approval prior to visitation". Upon the State Board's approval, the above review team shall receive Husson University's self-study materials and thus begin the review process stipulated by Rule Chapter 114.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), approve Dr. Anita Charles of Bates College, Dr. Linda Fuller of the College of the Atlantic, Prof. Krysten Gorrivan of the University of New England, and Prof. Shannon Sleeper of the University of Maine at Presque Isle to serve as team members for the Spring 2024 review of Husson University's Educator Preparation Program, with Dr. Anita Charles serving as chair.