

**APPENDIX B**

**Executive Director of the Legislative Council Letter to the Commissioner of Education  
and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services**

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Angela Faherty, Acting Commissioner  
Maine Department of Education  
23 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Ellen Schneider, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Administrative and Financial Services  
78 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Acting Commissioner Faherty and Acting Commissioner Schneider:

At its monthly meeting on June 30, 2010, the Legislative Council authorized its nonpartisan staff to conduct a study of programs administered by the Maine Department of Education (MDOE). The purpose of the study is to provide the legislature with a comprehensive overview of MDOE programs, including authority for and purpose of each program, number of persons or entities served by each program, program funding levels and expenditures, by funding type and line category, and any summaries of prior efforts to evaluate program effectiveness.

The study will commence immediately. In directing its staff to study this matter, the Legislative Council established a reporting deadline of November 3, 2010 for the offices of Policy and Legal Analysis and Fiscal and Program Review to conduct and complete their assessment in accordance with a work plan approved by the council. Because of the substantive and detailed nature of the study, your assistance and that of your staff at the department and within the Bureau of the Budget will be critical to ensuring that the study will be completed in a comprehensive and timely manner. I request your agencies' prompt response to our information requests so the legislative staff will have the benefit of that information as they conduct the study.

I have assigned Phillip McCarthy, PhD, a Legislative Analyst with the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, and Rachel Tremblay, a Fiscal Analyst with the Office of Fiscal and Program Review as the lead staff for this study. They will be in contact with your staff from time to time. We look forward to your cooperation in assisting them in obtaining information related to their work on the study.

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We look forward to working with you, and please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David Boulter, Executive Director  
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Patrick Norton, OPLA Director  
Grant Pennoyer, OFPR Director

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