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March 02, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Richmond
26 Gardiner Street
Richmond, ME 04357

Board of Directors
RSU 02
7 Reed Street
Hallowell, ME 04347

Dear Richmond Withdrawal Committee:

In response to the January 19, 2021 submission of the approved "Withdrawal Agreement between RSU 02 and the Town of Richmond", I am granting conditional approval of the agreement in accordance with 20-A MRSA §1466(4)(C).

Final approval of this withdrawal agreement is contingent upon the Town of Richmond Withdrawal Committee submitting the following as soon as possible and prior to the public hearing:

- 1) A copy of the revised Withdrawal Agreement signed by both parties including the balance of the local only portion of the bond for the Monmouth Elementary School.

The following public hearing shall be held to discuss the merits of the proposed agreement of withdrawal:

Date: March 25, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Public Zoom Hearing (to be announced)

The regional school unit board shall post a public notice in each municipality of the time and location of the hearing at least 10 days before the hearing. The chair of the regional school unit board shall conduct the hearing. Procedures for the public hearing shall be in accordance with 20-A MRSA §1466(6). Within 30 days following the hearing, the withdrawal committee shall forward the final agreement to me, as the commissioner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Gravelle at 624-6792.

Sincerely,
Pender Makin
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Commissioner of Education

cc: Alan Smith, Superintendent, RSU 02
Mark Bower, Attorney, Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

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