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**Pender Makin**  
Commissioner

June 3, 2026

Sheila Caldwell  
Superintendent  
RSU 63/MSAD 63  
202 Kidder Hill RD  
Holden, ME 04429

Dear Superintendent Caldwell:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 15, 2026, regarding the proposed closure of Eddington Elementary School.

In accordance with [Title 20-A M.R.S. § 1512\(2\)](#), my office has determined that the submitted cost data complies with the statute and validates that the cost of keeping the school open is \$669,950.02.

Furthermore, we have verified that the submitted Lack of Need Report meets the requirements of [Title 20-A M.R.S. § 4102\(3\)](#).

Accordingly, you may proceed with the next steps in the school closure process as defined by [Title 20-A, §1512: Closing school](#).

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Pender Makin  
Commissioner of Education

cc: Town of Clifton  
Town of Eddington  
Town of Holden  
Rachel Downs, RSU 63/MSAD 63 School Board Chair  
Amy Hart, RSU 63/MSAD 63 School Board Vice-Chair

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