

Action Item IE3 – Oregon Outreach Contract

July 10, 2025

Purpose: To seek approval of the Oregon Outreach Contract (OOI) and Seat Time Waiver for 25-26

Background: Dr. David Atherton has provided an explanation of the seat time waiver for your review.

To comply with OAR 581-022--2320 Required Instructional time, ODE requires alternative schools to request a waiver for not meeting the 990 hours of seat time. As part of the annual ODE Alternative School registration, OOI must have the waiver approved by the MRSD school board.

OOI has been providing the same academic program for 35 years, providing attending students more flexibility in scheduling and access to instruction and content, meeting Oregon diploma requirements. The OOI academic program was designed to remove barriers for students who were unsuccessful in the traditional high school program at MHS. Nothing is changing in the delivery model or the proven program.

A waiver will benefit OOI and MRSD in that OOI will be recognized as a credible, professional alternative school, eligible to continue contracted services and receiving funding. The waiver does not affect funding for MRSD or OOI as students will be considered "full-time."

A board-approved waiver is critical to continue providing the proven pathway to graduation and post-secondary options critical to Molalla students' success. Every two years during the contract renewal process, the waiver will be brought to the board for approval. The waiver will be valid for the contract cycle (two years) and be a part of the annual ODE registration process.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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