

# Executive Summary

## Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

May 28, 2013

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### Discussion of Goals for On-Line Learning in Denton ISD

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#### **Board Goals:**

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning is our first priority
- Stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching learning technology and leadership
- Actively pursue, foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

#### **Purpose of Report:**

- The purpose of this report is to inform Board members of the progress of the Virtual Learning Task Force toward increasing and improving the virtual learning opportunities for our students. We are also requesting direction from Board members regarding the short and long term objectives that will be presented.

#### **Objectives:**

- To provide greater scheduling flexibility for our high school students
- To offer a greater variety of courses to our high school students
- To expose our high school students to quality online learning experiences before they enroll in college
- To develop our district's collection of well-designed virtual course content
- To increase the number of DISD teachers who are effectively using learning management systems such as Moodle
- To provide educational services to non-district students in such a way that students' academic needs are met and there is a potential for additional revenue to be generated for our District.

#### **Operational Impact:**

- There is no cost associated with continuing our current use of computer assisted instruction for credit recovery (Odysseyware Lab) or for our increasing our use of a learning management system (Moodle) for enhancing traditional instruction.
- Phase I cost to offer 100 students an opportunity for credit advancement through online coursework, provide professional development for teachers, support the design and creation of our own curriculum for 7 courses is \$96,600. This includes startup costs for the first year.
- Phase II cost to offer 200 students an opportunity for credit advancement through online coursework, provide professional development for teachers, support the design and creation of our own curriculum for 4 more courses is \$56,000 (First year startup costs have been eliminated.)

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**Results**

By supporting the creation and expansion of online learning in the Denton Independent School District, the Board will provide students with much greater scheduling flexibility resulting in the opportunity to take more enrichment and advanced courses than would be allowed in a regular school schedule.