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To Molalla River School District Board of Director,

I am writing to formally request a waiver from the mandated 990 seat time requirement for students under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Department of Education, specifically in relation to our program at Oregon Outreach, Inc. Our program operates with students attending classes for three hours per day, supplemented by an additional two hours of asynchronous work to be completed at home. *Our students will complete 840 hours for the 168 student day calendar from 2024-25.*

Key elements of our program include:

1. Attendance and Proficiency Requirements: Students are required to maintain at least 80% attendance and 80% proficiency on assignments.
2. Credit Minimums: Students must achieve minimum credit thresholds per grading period to remain enrolled.

Through our tailored approach, we have observed significant positive outcomes among our student population:

- Increased GPA: Many students enrolled in our program have shown improvements in their Grade Point Averages, demonstrating the effectiveness of our targeted academic support and individualized attention.
- Credit Achievements: A substantial number of students have successfully met or exceeded credit requirements, which is a testament to the efficacy of our curriculum and instructional methods despite reduced seat time.
- Improved Attendance Rates: Our students consistently demonstrate higher attendance rates compared to their previous experiences in mainstream schools, indicating a stronger commitment to their education.

The chart below shows the **average increased** number of points for GPA and credits earned. Data is aggregated from students enrolled in OOI during the 2023-24 school year.

Average GPA Point Increase/ Percent Increase	Average Credits Earned Increase/ Percent Increase	Overall Attendance Increase	On-Time Graduation Rate	5th Year Graduation Rate
0.967	9.58	12%	91.7%	100%
93%	111%			

Key benefit of the seat time waiver:

1. By getting the waiver, OOI is able to register with ODE and maintain its ODE institution number.
  - The benefits of ODE registration
    - Enhances credibility and professional standing
    - Requires the school district to adhere to OARs for funding and contracting
2. The waiver will not impact the funding received by the district, students will be counted as enrolled full-time.
3. OOI will continue to annually submit ODE registration and waiver requests.

Given these outcomes and the positive impact our program has had on student achievement, I respectfully request your consideration of a waiver from the mandated seat time requirement. Our experience demonstrates that effective learning does not always correlate with extended hours in a physical classroom. Instead, our approach prioritizes meaningful engagement, targeted interventions, and supportive environments that foster academic growth and personal development.

I am more than willing to provide any additional information or data that may assist in your evaluation of this waiver request. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [kcarpenter@oregon-outreach.org](mailto:kcarpenter@oregon-outreach.org) if you require further clarification or documentation.

Thank you for considering this request. We are committed to continuing our mission of providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students in our care.

Sincerely,

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