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Eastern Promise has two overall objectives:

Objective #1: To increase the college going culture of rural Oregon through the development of the 10-year-plan for 5th grade and the formal initiation of the Career Choices curriculum in the 9th grade.

Accomplishments:

- a. Trainings for teachers/administrators October 31 and November 23.
- b. Implementation of 5th grade achievement compacts in ALL 5th grade classes in Pendleton
- c. 89 9th grade students at Pendleton High School completed the 1st Semester Career Choices Success 101 (267 SCH)
- d. Eight scheduled elementary 5th grade class visits for Spring 2013 (@300 students)

Objective #2: To increase access to early college credit experiences in high schools with the Eastern Promise initiative to develop our credit by proficiency program. Credit By Proficiency is intended to be our Eastern Promise version of Advanced Placement. Our process set up a system to select, train and evaluate both teacher and student performance.

Accomplishments:

- a. Formed Professional Learning Communities led by disciplinary faculty and including university/community college disciplinary faculty and high school faculty.
 - i. Six PLC's are currently operating involving 86 faculty
 - ii. Each PLC meets at least quarterly
- b. Participating high school faculty became "authorized" instructors and receive verification through awarding graduate credit
 - i. 200+ graduate credits awarded to date
- c. The PLC groups developed the proficiency assessments and trained additional high school faculty.
- d. The PLC's reconvene and evaluate the student assessments and make recommendations on assessment changes.
 - i. Through Fall Term 2012 and Winter 2013 – 19 schools with a total of 300 students completed 4056 SCH. **This is a 20% increase over dual credit only.**
 - ii. Currently 33 total schools are conducting Winter and Spring term Credit By Proficiency courses. Data will be available in April and June. **Projected Credit By Proficiency SCH for 2012-13 = 6,000+ new student credit hours.**

Budget Resources needed to fund current proposal and expansion = \$5.0 million

1. Support administrative activities associated with Eastern Promise work at each partner (EOU, BMCC, TVCC, IMESD) institution.
2. Support PLC activities (travel, materials, sub pay, stipends for teachers and college/university faculty)
3. Support expansion of Eastern Promise activities to other locations throughout the state.
4. Tuition Grants (these are fee remissions and scholarships for high school students).

ROI (Return on Investment)

- **Elementary and Middle School students participating in early college experiences**
- **Increase in high school students taking early college credits**
- **Increase in high school graduation rates**
- **Increase in students attending college/university from early college programs and demonstrating success through retention rates.**