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Date: October 1, 2014
To: The Oregon Legislative Assembly
FROM: Nancy Golden, Accelerated Learning Committee Chair
Chief Education Officer *Nancy Golden*
RE: Senate Bill 222 Accelerated Learning Committee Legislative Report

As was stipulated in Senate Bill 222 passed during the 2013 Legislative Session, I am pleased to submit a Legislative Report representing the work of the Accelerated Learning Committee that met eight times since last October 2013.

The Committee charge was to examine methods to encourage and enable students to obtain college credits while still in high school which involved a deeper focus on high school and postsecondary institutional alignment of funding, assessments and procedures to encourage efficiencies and ways to make post-secondary education more affordable for families.

Early in the process, the Committee members agreed upon a goal for Oregon students that guided their discussion and recommendations:

In order to meet the Oregon 40- 40- 20 Goal, students within Oregon's public education system are able to earn up to nine college credits at no cost while still in high school to help them seamlessly transition from K-12 to postsecondary options without incurring debt.

The attached report includes an analysis of current practices, issues and barriers facing students and recommendations. All of which we believe are essential in achieving the goal set by the Committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve as chair for this Committee and to engage with very talented committee members who are passionate about helping more Oregon students to get an accelerated start as they pursue a postsecondary degree or certificate. I look forward to engaging in more discussion regarding the specifics of the report during the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session.

cc: Senator Mark Hass
Senator Bruce Starr
Representative Lew Frederick
Representative John Huffman
Peyton Chapman
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