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Rob Saxton
Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction
255 Capitol St NE
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RE: Canby School District Credit Hour Waiver Application

Dear Superintendent Saxton,

During our recent Division 22 evaluation, Canby School District discovered that we are likely not in compliance with OAR 581-022-1131 (Credit Options). Since our last Division 22 report, a combination of reduced school days and the modification of school schedules have created this situation. In our trimester system, we have built in a late start time for weekly Collaborative Teaming. While the length of each class was extended to compensate for this, an advisory period was also added on these late-start Wednesdays that took away additional class time. To compound this situation, there is a two-day final schedule for each trimester.

In planning for next year, the district is hoping to restore the reduced student contact days. However, even with the additional days, Canby may still be short of the 130 hours if the advisory period time is not included. Rather than dismantle what we view as a valuable advisory program, Canby is seeking a one-year waiver to study how best to adjust the high school calendar while meeting student needs. Based upon the results of this study, Canby will ensure our high school schedule for 2015-16 will be in compliance with state requirements.

If there is anything additional you need for the one-year waiver, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps in this process.

Sincerely,

John Steach, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Canby School District