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REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE PCC ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (AHSD) PROGRAM

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REPORT: Portland Community College requests to terminate its Adult High School Diploma (AHSD) program as of April 2016. PCC has been awarding the Adult High School Diploma Since 1999.

In 2013 the state revised the Oregon Administrative Rule, (OAR) 589-007-0600, guidelines for providing the Adult High School Diploma. The revision states that all students not exempt from compulsory education (ages 16-20) must earn a (in school) district diploma. This change in the rule meant that PCC could no longer award the AHSD to students who are within that age range, greatly reducing the number of students served. Consequently, in 2013, the decision was made to suspend the AHSD effective September 9, 2015.

The two-year suspension plan provided ample time for students in the queue to complete their programs, The AHSD program was closed to any new students as of September 2013.

Approximately 300 students were identified as possibly in the queue to earn the AHSD, 213 were active and 119 were defined as inactive within the last two years.

156 students earned the Adult High School Diploma within the final two years of the program ending September 8, 2015.

Despite the closure of the Adult High School Diploma program, PCC continue to offer many educational

options for students.

- ABE Courses
- Future Connect
- Gateway to College
- Yes to College

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to terminate the existing AHSD Program with the Oregon State Board of Education by April 2016 with the submission of a letter of termination from the Portland Community College Board of Directors; as per the Oregon Adult High School Diploma 2014-15 Program Manual.