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Sent: 7/9/2015 1:07:36 PM
To: Teppara, Dino
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Subject: Re: Jasper email follow

good afternoon mr. teppara,

thank you for your response.

in reviewing information from *the flexibility available to school and districts* below the questions, please clarify the following:

- a copy of the regulation cited, does require approval of the board of trustees **and** the SBE. Local school board members have not had an open discussion on offering flex time aka seat time.
- this school district has been AT-RISK since 2009. how has this district met annual improvement standards?
- cited again, approval of the SBE?
- lastly, an email from ms. prevatt indicating an application **MUST BE COMPLETED** to offer this program. "therefore, there is no flexibility".

thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

sincerely,

denise davidson

· SBE Regulation 43-234 allows schools in grades 9 - 12 to award credit for a locally designed subject area course if the course is aligned with the state academic standards for the particular subject area and **if the course is approved by both the local board of trustees and the State Superintendent of**

Education.

- Schools **may receive flexibility status** when each of the following conditions is met:
 - The school **has met annual improvement** standards for subgroups of students in reading and mathematics.
 - Amendments to the school renewal plan must explain why exemptions are expected to improve the academic performance of the students.
 - **The plan meets the approval by the SBE.**

lastly, an email from ms. prevatt:

There is a proficiency application which all districts must complete in order to have flex time for "seat time." This past year Jasper County reported that the district does not offer any proficiency-based courses. Therefore, the district reports that this does not occur in any of their schools, so there is no flexibility.

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Ms. Davidson,

I am following up on the email you sent in regarding Jasper County, since you raised two separate issues.

First, there are several flexibility options within our statutes and regulations. As to proficiency credit, Reg. 43-234 permits a proficiency credit system in lieu of seat time for Carnegie Units.

Thus, the Proficiency Credit option in Regulation 43-234 permits a school district to develop a proficiency-based system to use in lieu of seat time.

Reg. 43-274.VII.(A) permits demonstration of proficiency in connection with

absence/attendance issues. Within Regulation 43-274, there are several options available to the local school board/district regarding absence/attendance issues for making up Carnegie Units including either making up seat time and/or demonstrating proficiency. The decision for either or both of these options is a local decision and does not need the approval of the State Department of Education.

State law does permit the charging of matriculation and incidental fees, per Section 59-19-90(8). If you have questions about your district's policies, you may contact your local superintendent or school board members.

Regards,
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