



# Memorandum

Date: April 13, 2026

To: Board of Directors of the Pendleton School District 16R

From: Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Subject: Merging of Hawthorne Alternative High School with Pendleton High School

**Background:** Reasons for recommending the merging of Hawthorne Alternative High School with Pendleton High School.

- Hawthorne is on the same campus as PHS.
- PHS and Hawthorne courses take place in the same building.
- Current PHS admin team and teaching staff are the staff at Hawthorne; merging creates more unity.
- All students at Hawthorne are already dual-enrolled as PHS students to take electives, advanced placement, and CTE courses. Merging will save many hours of enrollment work if students no longer have to be dual-enrolled.
- Students at Hawthorne have the choice when they graduate between a PHS diploma or a Hawthorne diploma. This merge would shift all diplomas to a PHS diploma
- Reduction in reports, records, and audits for separate high schools (Hawthorne).
- **The current Hawthorne program/schedule and staffing structure are not anticipated to change.**

**Proposal:** Apply to ODE to merge Hawthorne High School with Pendleton High School.

**Recommendation:** Approve the merging of Hawthorne Alternative High School with Pendleton High School through the proper application process as required by the Oregon Department of Education.

**Motion:** I move to approve the merger of Hawthorne Alternative High School with Pendleton High School, through the proper application process required by the Oregon Department of Education.

Motion for Approval:

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Motion for Rejection:

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Motion for Further Consideration:

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_