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RE: POLSD Justification for the Decision Not To Restore Lost Student Instructional Time as Required by Executive Order 26-06 and OAR 581-022-2323.

TO: POLSD School Board, Staff, Students, Families, and Community Members

On April 16, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek issued Executive Order 26-06 to protect and restore student instructional time in Oregon schools, taking action to prioritize academic outcomes and ensure every student has access to consistent, high-quality learning. According to Section 4.c. of the order, "If a district, at the direction of their board, chooses not to restore lost student instructional time, the district must publicly explain their justification for that choice."

OAR 581-022-2323 was adopted by the State Board of Education to codify and implement the executive order. Student instructional time is defined in OAR 581-022-2323 as "the total hours students are in school, bell-to-bell, including recess, lunch, passing time, and instruction."

The amount of student instructional time reduced in school year 2025-26 and 2026-27, in relation to the 2024-25 school year is as follows:

2025-26:

Grades K-6 reduced by 12 hours (from 24-25); Grades 7-11 by 11 hours; Grade 12 by 21 hours. The main reason for this reduction is due to a 1-instructional day calendar decrease (173 to 172), and an increase in the number of Fridays (1/2 day of instruction for the district) due to that year's calendar. Actual instructional hours met state division 22 standards, and were far exceeded when parent/teacher conference and professional development time were included.

2026-27:

Grades K-6 reduced by 2 hours (from 24-25); Grades 7-11 by 3 hours; Grade 12 by 3 hours. Instructional days equaled 171, but the number of Fridays in this calendar decreased, providing for a smaller gap from the 2024-25 hours rules.

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The amount of Student Instructional Time planned for the 2027-28 school year is yet to be determined, but the District and its calendar committee will be working to develop a similar calendar that has between 171 and 173 instructional days, meeting hours requirements for this executive order, as well as meeting state Division 22 Standards.

The District will plan to have a minimum of 1141 hours at Grades K-6; 1168 hours at Grades 7-11 and 1143 hours for Seniors in the 2027-28 school year.

The POLSD's justification for not restoring these hours, if that comes to fruition in the 2027-28 instructional calendar, is that the 2-3 hours of instruction lost equates into a $-.28\%$ decrease, less than half a percent, loss of instruction. This time is negligible, has little impact on student achievement, and could cause further issues with our tight budgets if those hours were to be replaced with another full day of school.

On July 20, 2026, the Port Orford Langlois 2CJ School Board approved the decision not to restore lost student instructional time because:

"The POLSD's justification for not restoring these hours, if that comes to fruition in the 2027-28 instructional calendar, is that the 2-3 hours of instruction lost equates into a $-.28\%$ decrease, less than half a percent, loss of instruction. This time is negligible, has little impact on student achievement, and could cause further issues with our tight budgets if those hours were to be replaced with another full day of school."

Sincerely,

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