

# Option School Kick Off

**Hillsboro School District  
December 9, 2009**



# Agenda for Today

**Discuss the purpose of this team**

**Discuss why students and families chose options for education**

**Examine current Oregon option programs including charter, magnet and other non traditional options**

**HSD exploration team rationale, goals and time line**



# Purpose

**To explore research and concepts behind Magnet and charter school option**

**To examine the pros and cons of pursuing Options**

**To make recommendations to the Board of Directors with an action plan for further work**



# Why families choose options

**“Before I got into the Applied Arts Academy, I didn’t think I would graduate and now I have A great paying job.”**

**“Having a choice allowed me to keep my my child in school, she’s very creative and learns kinesthetically, so we found an option in our District that works best for my child and family.”**

**"This pioneering program lets students learn in the way that works best for them. "Enrolled students will benefit from individualized attention, outstanding teachers, flexible class schedules and a creative, open environment."**



# Oregon Data

Many school districts in Oregon have magnet programs or Charter Schools.

**31 Portland Public School District.**

**27 Beaverton School District**

**12 Eugene School District**

**7 Salem-Keizer School District**

**30 schools in the state offer an immersion program of some type.**

**Senate Bill 767 (2009) affects online and virtual charter school**



# Oregon Data Continued

Oregon has 93 charter schools operating serving a total of about 13,600 students statewide. This number represents an enormous growth in charter schools over the past seven years; in 2000 there were only eleven operational charter schools.

Since Oregon's charter school law was passed in 1999, 93 schools remain open and eight schools have been closed.

Four schools were closed for financial instability, two schools were closed for failing to make academic progress and another two schools closed as a result of tensions with the local school district.



# HSD Data

**Who are the students attending elsewhere and why?**

**1,313 students in private schools**

**745 homeschool**

**245 inter district**

**215 alternative (includes, GED, TOPS, Insight, PCC, MEC)**

**17 incarcerated**

**TOTAL: 2,535**



# What are Magnet and Charter Schools?

**Magnet schools emphasize a special curriculum or educational structure, such as innovative courses and specialized training, with voluntary enrollment and open access beyond established attendance zones.**

**Charter schools fit in a niche between private and public schools. They are funded publically and are an alternative to regular public school. They grew out of the reform movement of the 1970's**



**See handout**



# Charge and Timeline

**Recommendation to the Board of Directors  
By June, 2010**

**One meeting a month through May, 2010**



# Quote

**Emerson said, “We in education believe that there are as many ways to a quality education as there are children and youth. It is up to us as educators to design those programs that will make the match between program and learner as effective as possible.”**

