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The culmination of four months of study, research, and review concluded with a unanimous endorsement from the Virtual Instruction Committee for the roll out of an online learning program available to students and families next school year.

An independent committee, comprised of parents, students, faculty, school board members, and administration, approved moving forward with Hermiston ONLINE!, a state-of-the-art, comprehensive online learning model for qualifying students.

The program is intended to serve three different needs, as identified by the committee:

- A free of charge, robust online public educational experience offered to students of all school ages, who are either currently enrolled in an online school or are home schooled.
- A dynamic way to offer additional learning opportunities to current high school students, which would supplement existing advanced and upper-level coursework already offered. The program will provide students the opportunity to access up to 19 different Advanced Placement Courses, additional foreign language experiences such as French and German, and exploratory courses currently not available at the high school due to staffing or registration limitations.
- An opportunity for current high school staff to augment their instructional delivery model by offering blended learning courses, which encompass both online and face-to-face learning.

All courses will be taught by licensed and qualified instructors and be free of cost to students, and their families. Students choosing to enroll in the program will be considered Hermiston School District students and be permitted to participate in co-curricular, extra-curricular, and elective high school courses (e.g. band, choir, art, career and technical education), if they desire. Students will also earn a Hermiston High School diploma and be permitted to participate in graduation activities and events.

The District will unveil a comprehensive website and contact process at www.hermistononline.org beginning May 15th. The website will help answer questions and allow interested parents and students the opportunity to learn more about the program, enrollment process, and how to schedule an at-home or office consultation with the Hermiston ONLINE! program coordinator.