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APPROVE SUBMISSION OF EVEN START GRANT
APPLICATION TO OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

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REPORT:

On May 15, 2006 Portland Community College submitted a grant application to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide Even Start Family Literacy services at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The purpose of the Even Start program is to improve the educational opportunities of low-income families by integrating adult basic education, parenting education, and early childhood education into a unified family literacy program. In conjunction with Portland Public Schools and other community partners, PCC has provided Even Start services to Coffee Creek inmates and their children for the past four years. If funded, the current grant application would allow PCC to continue providing these services to 25 families from July 2006 through August 2007. ODE requires official board approval of the grant application within 10 days of the application's submission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve submission of Portland Community College's 2006 Even Start Grant Application.