

Montana Digital Academy Follow-Up

Follow-up from Robert Currie, Executive Director of the Montana Digital Academy to Rep. Keogh:

“After I finished my testimony I felt like I should clarify a few points with Chair Bedey and wasn't sure how to do that. Could I send my comments to you to relay to the committee.

MTDA is not trying to duplicate or serve higher education students. Rep. Jones has made more than one request that we work to expand concurrent dual credit offerings to provide more accessibility to rural students. These courses are taught by a high school teacher paid by MTDA who has the approval of a Montana two year institution. Students pay their tuition for college credit to the college MTDA has no involvement in that process. The classes are provided to high school students.

The CTE courses are taught by for high school teachers for high school credit only.

The cost proposal for both CTE and Dual Credit is for start up funding course development to ready them for implementation. Once they have been developed MTDA will pay for all teacher and technology costs for delivering them to students.

I hope this helps.

Thanks,

Bob”