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MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Andy Berke

From: Erin O'Hara  
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Date: April 29, 2008

Subject: Dual Enrollment Student Demographics Follow-up

I am writing in response to your recent inquiry regarding students participating in dual enrollment programs in Tennessee.

In summary, statewide, the number of dual enrollment students grew 107 percent from the 2005-06 academic year through the 2007-08 academic year. Over the same period, the demographics of dual enrolled students were largely unchanged. Program growth coincides with the increase in funds available through the dual enrollment grant.

Dual Enrollment Demographics

The following tables show the distribution and demographics of all dual enrollment students from the 2005-06 academic year through the 2007-08 academic year. The data include students receiving the dual enrollment grant and students enrolled without the grant. Family income is not reflected here as dual enrollment students are not required to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

*Dual Enrollment student totals*

- The number of students that were dually enrolled grew by 58 percent from 2005-06 to 2006-07 and 31 percent from 2006-07 to 2007-08. Overall growth from the 2005-06 academic year through the 2007-08 academic year was 107 percent.

System	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
TBR Community Colleges	4692	7509	9756	21957
TBR Universities	429	589	938	1956
University of Tennessee	872	1381	1683	3936
Total	5993	9479	12377	27849

*Dual Enrollment students by sector*

- Looking across the last three years, community colleges serve the majority of dual enrollment students (79 percent). University of Tennessee institutions serve a

smaller portion of students (14 percent) and Tennessee Board of Regents universities serve the smallest group (7 percent).

System	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
TBR Community Colleges	78%	79%	79%	79%
TBR Universities	7%	6%	8%	7%
University of Tennessee	15%	15%	14%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Dual Enrollment students by gender*

- Female students comprise the majority of dual enrollment students (61 percent). This is similar to the gender representation within public higher education as a whole.

Gender	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
Female	62%	61%	61%	61%
Male	38%	39%	39%	39%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Dual Enrollment students by race/ethnicity*

- Caucasian students represent 91 percent, African-American students represent 5 percent, and students of other ethnicities (Asian, Hispanic, Native American) represent 4 percent of dual enrolled students.
- Caucasian students comprise a larger portion of dual enrollment students than first-time freshmen in Tennessee public higher education. Among first-time freshmen Tennessee residents, Caucasian students comprise 76 percent.

Race/Ethnicity	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
Caucasian	91%	90%	91%	91%
African-American	4%	6%	5%	5%
Other	4%	4%	4%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Dual Enrollment students by high school GPA*

- More than 93 percent of dual enrollment students have a 3.0 high school GPA or better. Two-thirds (65 percent) have a 3.5 high school GPA or better.

High School GPA	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total
4.0 or better	23%	23%	21%	22%
3.5-3.99	42%	42%	45%	43%
3.0-3.49	29%	28%	28%	28%
2.5-2.99	4%	5%	5%	5%
2.0-2.49	1%	1%	1%	1%
Below 2.0	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%