

Dear Senator Brent Hill

My name is Harold Robison, I am a counselor at Teton High School and Basin Alternative School in Driggs Idaho. I have been a counselor here for the past thirteen years and for the past four years I have been the Site Coordinator for IDLA. It would be unfortunate to lose this valuable means of education. Our enrollment and attrition rate in IDLA courses have increase tremendously from the onset that it was available. The following are some of the ways that IDLA has been a great resource for our students.

1. Being a relatively smaller school, offering AP and concurrent classes.
2. More variety of courses available.
3. Help with schedule conflicts.
4. Repeating a course.
5. Another medium for learning.
6. Courses to accommodate the different track systems
7. Summer courses

I can understand the financial concern that the state faces in our current economy. Having been raised on a farm in southern Utah and being raised with conservative values I know that it is important to be frugal and eliminate areas of waste. I am currently taking a course via IDLA through NNU. If I hadn't seen first-hand the value of the course and its teaching method, I would question its validity but I am impressed not only with the materials but the personal, almost daily contact from the instructor and other classmates through electronic discussion boards. If anything, taking a course this way helps a person to become more articulate and tech savvy in the technology age that we live in. Idaho can be proud of this nationally recognized program. Please know that IDLA is an integral component of the education system in the Teton School District. If you have any questions please feel free to call, I would be glad to address them.

Thank you for your time,

Harold Robison, Counselor