KCC president promises one more year of advanced diploma program

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made a promise to this year's high school seniors thinking of enrolling in the advanced diploma program in the fall. The program is threatened by the Oregon Legislature pos-
sibly changing the funding to such programs statewide. If the Legislature cuts funding, KCC will make up the difference.

"This is a personal com-
mittance to our community," Gutierrez told about 150 high school students and parents at an ADP evening event Wednesday night. "We will con-
tinue with this program for the 2015-2016 year. No changes. This is too important to our community."

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Pumped-storage project still a go

Though scaled down, it should start 17 new local positions

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Plant is for a hydroelectric pumped-storage facility east of Klamath Falls have been scaled back, but will move forward, according to project managers.

As a result of an economic study, the Swan Lake North pumped-storage facility's price tag has been slashed from $1.2 billion to $600 million — and expected energy stor-
age has been cut by more than half.

Project managers with KDP Renewable Energy, the company developing the project, told the Herald and News editorial board Thursday they originally planned to build a closed-loop system that could store 1,000 megawatts of energy — enough to power 600,000 homes. Now that the project has been reduced to nearly one-third of its previous size, man-
agers forecast the facility will store between 300 and 400 megawatts, enough to power about 40,000 homes during peak energy use.

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Tech suffers defeat

OIT women fall short of making school history in 79-50 first-round loss to Saint Xavier, see page B1.

State basketball

Henley girls beat Banks to claim spot in 4A semifinals Thursday night, see page B1.

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