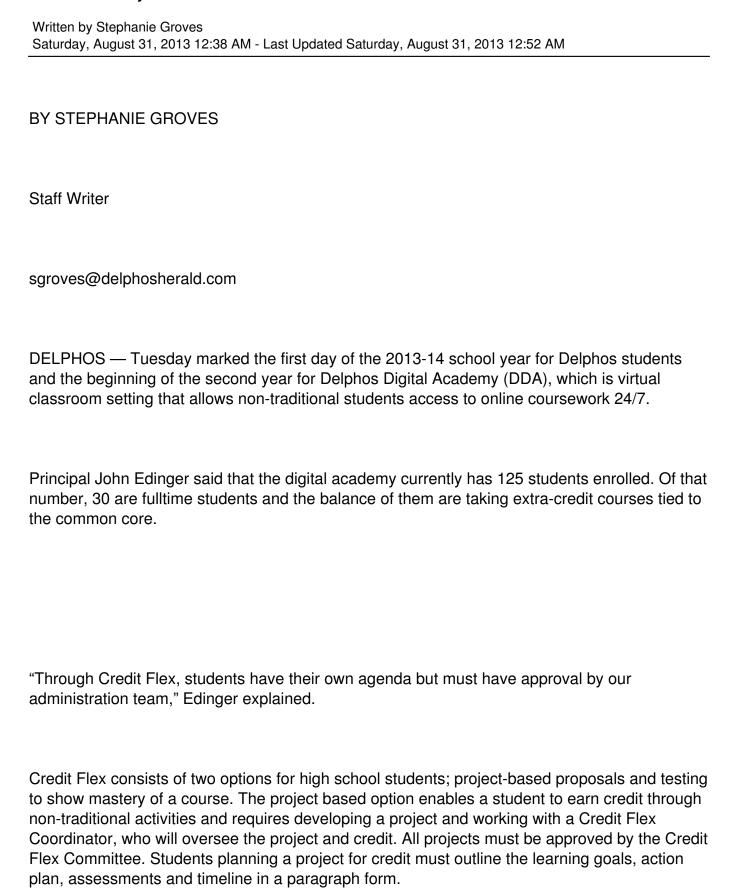
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The second option for students is to test out of a 1?2 credit of various high school classes. They can master out of a course entirely by passing both the Semester A Credit Flex and the

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Semester B Credit Flex. This opportunity helps students reach the goal of graduation and is based on mastery of information.

"In my opinion, you can't replace a classroom teacher," Edinger stated. "Online classes are for those students who are not traditional and are more self-paced."

Delphos Digital Academy has empowered the district to offer students a successful education alternative, prevented money from leaving the district and has brought money into the district.

Edinger said from all funding sources involved, the district gets \$5,700 per year for each student. If a student leaves the district, that money disappears whether it follows the teenager to a virtual academy, public school through open-enrollment or vanishes due to the student dropping out.

"Kids who struggled in regular classroom settings are not struggling anymore," Edinger explained. "We are proud of them and they are proud of themselves."

Supervisor Chris Sommers, is the Delphos Jefferson High School teacher who monitors each student's progress while they are in the library and/or taking the classes from home.

"This year we have enrolled 30 kids from the 7th - 12th grade into the program," Sommers detailed. "We have more high school kids this year and some of them are return students from last year."

Students have the option of working on coursework at the school or at home. Those who work from home are usually busy with a job and the program provides them with the flexibility of 24/7 access to coursework.

"The program offers the exact same courses taught in the classroom," Sommers explained. "If they are taking Senior English 4 online, it is the same coursework students receive in the

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