



January 26, 2016

Oklahoma State Board of Education
Oliver Hodge Education Building, Room 1-20
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear State Board of Education Members,

On behalf of John Rex Charter Elementary School, I would like to offer support for the new Oklahoma Academic Standards for English language arts and mathematics that have been drafted by a committee of highly respected Oklahoma educators.

Upon review, I observed that the standards have been fashioned to allow ample breadth and depth of knowledge in both content areas. Providing a rigorous set of academic standards will ensure that all Oklahoma children are college- and/or career-ready.

The standards and accompanying documents will serve as a beneficial guide for our teachers. I am particularly pleased with the documents' vertical progressions, user-friendly format, and ease of navigation. Furthermore, I was impressed with the evidence of developmentally appropriate expectations embedded in the standards at all grade levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback. Our teachers will be enthusiastic to implement the new Oklahoma Academic Standards. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to all of the educators who thoughtfully labored to create the new standards! Thank you for your service to Oklahoma's children and families.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Pierce, Ed.D.
Head of School & Superintendent