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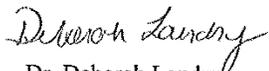
Dear Superintendent Hofmeister,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (OACTE), I am submitting a letter of support for the Oklahoma English/language arts and math standards. OACTE is an organization consisting of deans and chairs of education from the state's universities with educator preparation programs. Our mission is (1) to promote the learning of all PK-12 students, (2) to support the quality preparation of effective educational professionals; and (3) to facilitate collaboration among member institutions and stakeholders. The creation of these academic standards relates to all strands of our mission.

It is critical that Oklahoma's PK-12 learners have clear and rigorous standards to which assessment and instruction can be designed, and as former PK-12 teachers and now university professors and leaders we are appreciative of the opportunity to participate in this process. Many of our university content and pedagogy experts wrote and reviewed portions of the draft standards side-by-side with PK-12 experts and other stakeholders. The collaboration has produced appropriate standards that encourage college and career readiness, and the adoption of these standards will provide PK-12 educators and teacher preparation professionals needed direction for curriculum development and assessment plans to move Oklahoma education forward.

We support the draft standards and appreciate the process through which they were developed.

Sincerely,



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