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State Board of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Honorable Members of the Oklahoma State Board of Education,

On behalf of the members of the Oklahoma Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (OASCD), we would like to offer support for the proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts. Our members represent educators who serve the profession in a variety of roles: teachers at all levels, counselors, instructional facilitators, administrators, pre-service educators, career technology educators and college professors statewide. Our member's involvement in the review and development of the proposed standards gives us confidence in the process utilized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to create these new standards.

The proposed standards are designed to prepare students for successful entry into the workforce, career technology institutes, or higher education. Several revisions have been made after critical review toward the goal of improving student achievement. We appreciate the commitment to continuous improvement from Superintendent Hofmeister, the staff of the State Department of Education and the members of the State Board of Education. We realize that this process of refinement will continue as we review and modify the standards as they are utilized in the classroom.

OASCD supports the approval of the Oklahoma Academic Standards as proposed by the State Superintendent and the many other Oklahomans involved in this process. Quick action on approval of the standards is crucial so that school leaders and teachers can begin the important work of training and implementing these new standards by August of 2016.

Thank you for your service to Oklahoma's children and families.

Sincerely,

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