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To Whom It May Concern:

The Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools (OROS) would like to support Superintendent Hofmeister and the State Department of Education in their initiative to provide a program for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to take the ACT at state expense.

Administering the ACT at no expense to students will ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to be provided with meaningful information that will assist them in making decisions for their future.

Being the entrance exam designated by the State Regents of Higher Education, and as 75% of our students already take the ACT, it seems to be the most sensible plan to allow our state to compare our educational performance to other states where the ACT is administered statewide.

OROS pledges its support for a one year optional pilot program. Although no district or student will be required to participate, it is a uniquely designed program to give all our students the opportunity to take the ACT.

Respectfully,

Don Ford

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