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Dear Dr. Hollrah,

We want to take this opportunity to offer you our thanks for your care and diligence in taking on the daunting task of ELA state standards development. Your transparency has been wonderfully refreshing, and your desire to include all ELA educators in the process has been especially appreciated.

Seeing the standards finalized means that we will be able to re-direct *all* of our energies back into our top priority: the success of our students. In that spirit, we want to let you know that the Stillwater High School administration and ELA faculty are officially putting full support behind the most current draft of the standards and ask the Oklahoma Standards Development Committee to "lock in" the Eight English Language Arts College and Career Standards as they are. While we are **concerned that the independent reading component of the eighth standard is immeasurable and could be problematic in teacher evaluations and student testing**, we believe this is the *only* area of concern and trust that this can be resolved without negatively influencing the remaining standards.

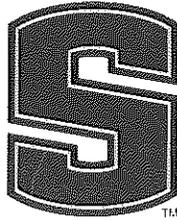
Again, we thank you for your unwavering attention to leading the efforts to put Oklahoma's ELA standards back on a positive path, and we hope that our administrative and ELA colleagues across the state will join us in letting you know of their support for and desire to finalize the most current draft of the standards.

With kindest regards,

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