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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet C. Barresi
DATE: May 22, 2014
SUBJECT: Flexible Benefit Allowance

State Board approval is requested to fully fund the FY 2014 Flexible Benefit Allowance (FBA).

Pursuant to 70 O.S. §26-104(A):

“A. Each fiscal year, the Legislature shall appropriate adequate funding to the State Board of Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education for the purpose of providing a flexible benefit allowance to school district employees pursuant to this act. Unless the Legislature appropriates adequate funding specifically for the purpose of providing a flexible benefit allowance to school district employees, the Oklahoma State Board of Education shall allocate from the funds appropriated to the Oklahoma State Board of Education for the support of public school activities an amount to fully fund the flexible benefit allowance, which shall occur first prior to allocating the funds for any other purpose. . . .”

A supplemental budget request for \$6.5 million was approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Education and submitted to the Legislature in February 2014. The Legislature has not provided the necessary supplemental appropriation to fully fund the FBA. Therefore, based on the above statute, the Oklahoma State Department of Education has to pull from any remaining support of public school activity funds available to meet this requirement for FBA.

A complete listing of programs with remaining funds for reallocation to FBA is attached.

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Attachment