Dear Special Education Directors/Contacts,

As a member of the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) consortium, Oklahoma plays a key role in the development of a new alternate assessment system for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This new assessment will be implemented in the 2014-15 school year in the content areas of math and English language arts. In preparation for the implementation of the new assessment, several pilot and field tests will be conducted during the 2013-14 school year. Participation in these tests ensures our feedback is received and that our teachers and students have opportunities to interact with the system before it is open for accountability purposes.

I am extending an invitation to your district to represent Oklahoma in a Pilot Test event October 21 through November 22, 2013. I ask that you review your district's student population against the target requirements outlined in the PILOT PLANNING: MEMBER INFORMATION handout, attached to this email. More information will be coming later in the school year regarding spring field testing.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, please complete the DISTRICT RECRUITMENT SURVEY **no later than Friday, August 16**. The link to the survey is http://tinyurl.com/DLM2013Pilot. A PDF copy of the survey is attached so you may preview the requested information.

The survey information will be compiled by the DLM staff, who will select districts to best meet the sampling criteria. Districts will be notified by Wednesday, August 21 if they have been selected to participate.

In addition to sending the survey, please reply to Christie.Stephenson@sde.ok.gov Indicating your interest.

Thank you,

Christie Stephenson