

## JANET BARRESI State Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Oklahoma

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi

**DATE:** February 23, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Oklahoma Elementary Mathematics Specialist Certification Program

The Oklahoma Elementary Mathematics Specialist Certification Program has been initiated due to a statewide need for teachers in elementary schools who have expertise in mathematics. The Oklahoma State Department of Education has worked in collaboration with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and a diverse group of stakeholders from common education, higher education, and career and technology education to develop program requirements, certification requirements, and competencies that delineate what teachers should know and be able to demonstrate in coursework and on the certification examination to become Oklahoma Elementary Mathematics Specialists. We are seeking State Board approval of the proposed requirements and competencies.

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