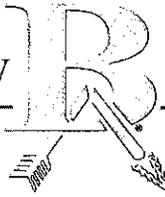


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January 26, 2016

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Oklahoma State Board of Education:

As Superintendent of Broken Arrow Public Schools, I respectfully submit my endorsement of the new Oklahoma State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Our district has full confidence in these standards.

We have much respect and appreciation for the process by which the Oklahoma State Department of Education involved multiple groups throughout the journey of developing these new standards. Many have had opportunity to write, edit and provide input towards the final draft. The alignment of these standards to college and career ready skills will certainly benefit Oklahoma's students. The precise vertical alignment will greatly assist teachers. We believe these standards provide a level of rigor and deep understanding of concepts and skills that are needed in preparing students for a successful future.

In conclusion, we ask that you approve these standards as our new Oklahoma State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jarod Mendenhall, Ed.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jarod Mendenhall, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Broken Arrow Public Schools