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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: December 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Exceptions to the State Board of Education Regulations Concerning Teacher Certification as Presented by the Teacher Certification Section

The Teacher Certification Section presents these exceptions to the State Board of Education. These requests are based on district need.

State Board of Education authority to grant exceptions to the requirements for licensure/certification is provided by 70 O.S. § 6-187.

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Attachments

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70 O.S. § 6-187

Nothing in the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act shall restrict the right of the State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional certificate, as needed. Provided, however, prior to the issuance of an emergency certificate, the district shall document substantial efforts to employ a teacher who holds a provisional or standard certificate or who is licensed in the teaching profession. In the event a district is unable to hire an individual meeting this criteria, the district shall document efforts to employ an individual with a provisional or standard certificate or with a license in another curricular area with academic preparation in the field of need. Only after these alternatives have been exhausted shall the district be allowed to employ an individual meeting minimum standards as established by the State Board of Education for the issuance of emergency certificates.

NAME OF APPLICANT	AREA REQUESTED	DEGREE	REQUESTING DISTRICT
Addam Edwards	Physical Education	Bachelor – Education	Chelsea
Deborah Tiger	Physical Education	Bachelor – Recreation Master – Health/Physical Education	Chickasha
Diana Hood	Early Childhood	Bachelor – Art	Cushing
David Thiessen	Mathematics	Bachelor – Physics	Lawton
Roberto Espinoza	Mathematics	Bachelor – Mechanical Engineering	Madill
Evan Drake	Social Studies	Bachelor – Secondary Education	Metro Christian Academy
Renee' LeValley	Mathematics	Bachelor – Accounting	Mid-Del
*Marisela Belmonte -Olmos	Foreign Language	Bachelor – Business Admin Master – Secondary Education	Moore
Robert Pinion	Social Studies	Bachelor – English	Muskogee
Shantae DeJear	Early Childhood	Bachelor – Family Studies/Gerontology	Oklahoma City
Katherine Janik	Library Media Specialist	Bachelor – History	Oklahoma City
Carrie Hutson	Elementary Education	Bachelor – English	Oktaha
Gordon Patton	Elementary Education	Bachelor – History Master – History	Ponca City
Jeffrey Hock	Social Studies	Bachelor – Business	Putnam City
*Donna Chisum	Speech/Drama/Debate	Bachelor – French	Sand Springs
Kori Whitney	Early Childhood	Bachelor – Elementary Ed	Sayre
Stephen Billingslea	English Social Studies	Bachelor – Religious Studies Master – Divinity	SeeWorth Academy
Jeremy Tucker	Science	Bachelor – Environmental Science	Seminole
Amanda Newsom	ESL	Bachelor – English	Shawnee

Melissa Harris	**Business** **Computer Science**	**Bachelor – Org Leadership**	**Tahlequah**
Xochitl Camarillo	**Foreign Language**	**Bachelor – Veterinary Medicine**	**Tulsa**
Amber Clayton	**School Counselor**	**Bachelor – Psychology** **Master – Counseling**	**Tulsa**
Keith Grisso	**Elementary Education**	**Bachelor – Business**	**Tulsa**
John McNeill	**Elementary Principal**	**Bachelor – Ag Science/Technology**	**Turner**
Kimberly Williams	**Early Childhood**	**Bachelor – Elementary Ed** **Master – School Counseling**	**Tuttle**
Jamieson Tate	**Mathematics**	**Bachelor – Statistics**	**Yukon**

Total = 26 (2 renewals)

***Renewal of existing emergency**