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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** February 25, 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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# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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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.*

| <b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b> | <b>AREA REQUESTED</b> | <b>DEGREE</b>                      | <b>REQUESTING DISTRICT</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Peggy Girty              | English               | BA-Elementary Ed.                  | Cave Springs               |
| Amanda Bell              | Mathematics           | BS—Agricultural                    | Crescent                   |
| Jamar Lockhart           | Mathematics           | BA-Business                        | Duncan                     |
| Caitlynn Neely           | Science               | BS-Health & Exercise Sci.          | Granite                    |
| Lori Willis              | Early Childhood       | BA-Business                        | Granite                    |
| Kevin Yeagley            | Social Studies        | BA—Criminology                     | Mustang                    |
| Andi Amis                | Elementary Education  | BA-Human Relations                 | Norman                     |
| Chelsea Thompson         | Early Childhood       | BA-Elementary Ed.                  | Norman                     |
| Amanda White             | Early Childhood       | BA-Sociology                       | Norman                     |
| Larry Canton             | Mathematics           | BA-Physical Ed.                    | Nowata                     |
| Paige Dandford           | Elementary Education  | BA—Social Studies                  | Oklahoma City              |
| Naomi Kim                | Science               | BS---Arts & Science Program        | Oklahoma City              |
| Jimmie Moore III         | Elementary Education  | BS—Corrections                     | Oklahoma City              |
| Ari Waggener             | English               | BA—English                         | Oklahoma City              |
| Melody Adams             | Spanish               | BA-Spanish                         | Putman City                |
| Nicholaus Berens         | Social Studies        | BA-Criminal Justice<br>MA-Theology | Tulsa                      |
| Theresa Riccio           | Elementary            | BA-Business                        | Western Heights            |
| Total--17                |                       |                                    |                            |