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Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
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Dear Superintendent Hofmeister,

I want to commend you and your staff for the countless hours of work and for the thoughtful process used in the development of the Oklahoma Language Arts Standards and Oklahoma Math Standards. I gladly welcome and endorse these standards that I feel exceed national standards and far exceed previous state standards. Thank you for allowing all stakeholders to be involved and for taking the time to get this right!

The English Language Arts and the Mathematics standards are vertically aligned and will allow teachers to clearly see their areas of focus for each grade level. The standards were written in everyday language that will be clearly understood by teachers. The vague nature of past standards has been addressed with standards that will allow teachers to create targeted lessons and more easily personalize the education to the needs of the individual student. Being a former math teacher, I am very pleased with the focus on math integration with real world application that promotes critical thinking and problem solving.

Fort Gibson Public School District supports the new Oklahoma Language Arts Standards and Oklahoma Math Standards and is very appreciative of the collaborative approach to their development. Thank you to all the staff of the Oklahoma State Department of Education for your leadership and willingness to involve educators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derald Glover". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Derald Glover
Superintendent of Schools
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