



JOY HOFMEISTER

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: April 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Update on Gage Public School
Independent School District No. 39 of Ellis County, Oklahoma

At the February 25, 2016 State Board of Equalization meeting, the Board approved proceeding with a mandatory annexation proceeding for the Gage Public School if their annexation election failed.

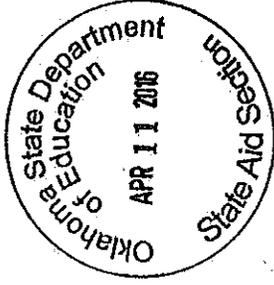
On April 5, 2016, an annexation election for the Gage Public School to become part of Fargo Public School was held. The proposed annexation passed 123-115. The Ellis County Election Board certified the results on April 8, 2016. (Copy Attached). An Order Declaring Annexation was issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on April 8, 2016. (Copy Attached). The effective date of the annexation was April 22, 2016.

Under the Oklahoma Statutes, an appeal of an approved annexation may be filed within ten (10) days after the order of the State Superintendent is issued by twenty-five percent (25%) of the school district electors who were eligible to vote at the annexation election. [update after April 18 whether an appeal was filed in District Court or not].

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF VOTES
ELLIS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 5, 2016

4/8/2016 10:03 AM

GAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 039
PROPOSED ANNEXATION GAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Precinct	FOR THE ANNEXATION - AGAINST THE ANNEXATION	
	YES	- NO
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230001	8	6
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230003	1	5
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230004	0	0
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230006	2	0
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230007	108	104
ELLIS COUNTY PCT 230008	4	0
Total:	123	115

WE, THE DULY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION HELD ON 4/5/2016. RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION ARE SHOWN ABOVE. DATED AT ARNETT, OKLAHOMA, THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

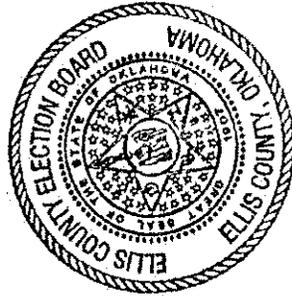
Amelia Lipe

 CHAIRMAN

Amanda Bryant

 VICE-CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY



ORDER DECLARING ANNEXATION

Whereas, on the 19th and 27th day of January, 2016, concurrent resolutions for the annexation of all of the Gage School District (23I039), of Ellis County, Oklahoma, to the Fargo School District (23I002), of Ellis and Woodward Counties, Oklahoma, were delivered to the Oklahoma State Department of Education and;

Whereas, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, published a call for an election for approval of such annexation by the eligible school district electors, which said election was given as prescribed by law, and;

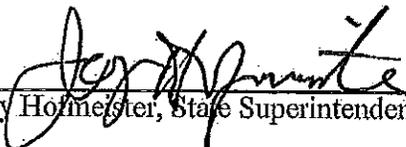
Whereas, said annexation was approved at an election held on April 5, 2016, by a majority of the school district electors eligible to vote, and voting at said election, the vote being 123 for approval and 115 against approval of said annexation.

Whereas, all of the Gage School District's property, facilities, assets, liabilities, debt, and equipment, etc., know or unknown, will become the property of the Fargo School District on the effective date of this annexation.

Beginning at the SW corner of Section 6-20N-24W for the point of beginning, North 1 mile to the NW corner of 6-20N-24W, West 335' to the South center-line of Section 31-21N-24W; North 3 miles, West ½ mile, North 3 miles to the SW corner of 31-22N-24W; West 1½ miles to the South center-line of Section 35-22N-25W; North 3 miles, West ½ mile, North 2 miles to the NW corner of Section 11-22N-25W; East 1 mile, North 1 mile, West 1 mile to the SW corner of 35-23N-25W; North 1 mile, East 2 miles, North 1 mile to the NW corner of Section 30-23N-24W; East ½ mile, North 1 mile, West ½ mile, North 3 miles to the NW corner of Section 6-23N-24W; East 2 miles, North 2 miles to the NW corner of 28-24N-24W; East 4 miles, S ½ mile, East ½ mile to the NE corner of 31-24N-23W; South 2 miles, West 1½ miles to the North center-line of Section 12-23N-24W; South 2 miles, East ½ mile, South 6 miles, East 2 miles, South 4½ miles to the West center-line of Section 9-21N-23W; East ½ mile, South 4 miles, East 1 mile, South ½ mile to the NW corner of 3-20N-23W; East ¼ mile, South ½ mile, East ¼ mile, South 2 miles to the center of Section 15-20N-23W; West 7 miles, North 1½ miles, West 2½ miles to the point of beginning. Consisting of 74.06 perimeter miles and 107,104.02 acres.

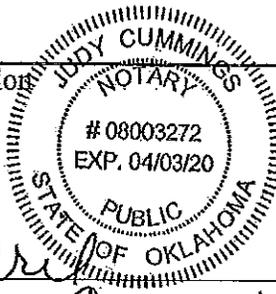
It is hereby **ORDERED** and **APPROVED** by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, that the **entire** Gage School District of Ellis County, Oklahoma, be annexed to the Fargo School District of Ellis County, Oklahoma, as indicated above.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ANNEXATION IS TO BE APRIL 22, 2016.

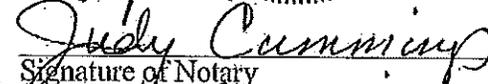


Joy Holmester, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State of Oklahoma)
County of Oklahoma) SS



Signed before me on this 4/8/16 day of April, 2016.

My Commission Expires: 4/3/20 
Signature of Notary

My Commission Number: 08003272 Judy Cummings
Print Name of Notary

Fargo Public Schools

P.O. Box 200
Fargo, Oklahoma 73840

April 20, 2016

Christy Hanshew
State Dept. of Education
2500 N Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City OK 73105

Dear Christy:

Due to the annexation of Gage Schools to Fargo Schools, effective April 22, 2016 Gage Elementary School and Gage High School will be closed. Both schools will operate for the remainder of the school year under the Fargo School site. The school year for the Gage site will end May 10, 2016.

Sincerely,



Terry Stevens
Superintendent



JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

April 21, 2016

Mr. Terry Stephens
Superintendent
Fargo Public Schools
P.O. Box 200
Fargo, OK 73640

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Your request for closings and new site codes for the Gage Schools (due to annexation) in school year 2015-2016 has been approved as follows:

CLOSING SITES

Gage Elementary, code 23 I039 105 is closing effective April 22, 2016. It served Grades PK-8.

Gage High School, code 23 I039 705 is closing effective April 22, 2016. It served Grades 9-12.

NEW SITE CODES

Gage Elementary, new Fargo code 23 I002 110 will be effective April 22, 2016. It will serve Grades PK-8.

Gage High School, new Fargo code 23 I002 710, will be effective April 22, 2016. It will Serve Grades 9-12.

Please use the new grade spans/site codes effective April 22, 2016 when reporting to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Please note: If you change the status of the schools effective with the 2016-2017 school year, i.e., name change, combine with existing Fargo Schools, etc., please inform us so we can make the necessary changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lynn Jones
Executive Director
Accreditation Standards

LJ/ch