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Oklahoma State Department of Education
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2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear State Board of Education:

The Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics is honored to write a letter in support of the Oklahoma Math Standards that are being written by a committee of Oklahoma mathematics educators. The OCTM Board feels the standards will help Oklahoma children become college and career ready.

After close inspection, we find that the new standards are rigorous for all students. We value the visible vertical alignment and connections among grade levels these new standards possess. As mathematics educators, these clear, concise and measurable standards are a positive change for the future of Oklahoma education. The vision and guiding principles for the standards ensures that our students will be mathematical thinkers and communicators. We also appreciate the transparent process and the ability for Oklahoma mathematicians and mathematics educators at all levels to be a part of the development by having opportunities to comment on the various drafts. We find that our voices and comments made an impact on the writing process.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of the mathematics standards writing committee and the Oklahoma Math Standards. These standards are just what Oklahoma students need in order to be college and career ready.

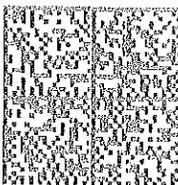
Sincerely,

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