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Oklahoma State Board of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Honorable Members of the Oklahoma State Board of Education:

On behalf of the members of the Oklahoma Directors of Special Services (ODSS), I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Mathematics and English/Language Arts.

ODSS members are focused upon the educational success of Oklahoma students with disabilities. We appreciate the fact that the process used to create the standards included all interested voices, and we believe that the proposed standards are designed to prepare all students for successful transition into the workforce, career technology institutes, or higher education. We believe that the standards will benefit all students.

ODSS asks for prompt action to approve the standards so that teachers and school leaders can begin training, with the goal of implementing the new standards by August 2016.

We appreciate the efforts of Superintendent Hofmeister, the staff of the State Department of Education, and the members of the State Board of Education throughout this critical process.

Sincerely,

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cc: ODSS Executive Committee