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Oklahoma State Board of Education Oliver Hodge Education Building, Room 1-20 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear State Board of Education Members,

The Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC) would like to offer support for the new standards that have been drafted by a committee of Oklahoma educators. We believe that the standards represent an upgrade over the current Oklahoma math and reading standards and will help ensure that students in our state are college and career ready.

The OPSRC represents over 110 public school districts and charter schools across the State of Oklahoma. A number of member schools as well as OPSRC staff have participated in the process of drafting and reviewing the standards and agree that the standards represent a significant improvement over the existing standards for math and reading. We recognize that standards serve as an important target for educators and by raising the bar, the new standards should help ensure that students exit school with the skills necessary to succeed in today's economy.

We welcome the opportunity to provide this support and recommend that you approve these standards. Thank you for your service to Oklahoma's children and families.

Sincerely,

Brent Bushey Executive Director



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