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Ms. Joy Hofmeister
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Superintendent Hofmeister:

As the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Schools Advisory Council and as a retired school superintendent with 34 years of experience in public education in Oklahoma, I would like to extend my support of the new Oklahoma Academic Standards.

Beginning my career as a teacher of English/Language Arts, I have been involved in the educational process in Oklahoma public schools at every level including curriculum development, alignment, and professional development to help teachers to understand the standards and to ensure that administrators measure how well those standards are taught. Over the years, I have dealt with my own frustrations as well as those of my fellow educators as we have had new standards adopted and handed to us to implement and measure. Finally, educators have had the opportunity to be actively involved with the community, the SDE, and other dedicated community members in developing standards that are vertically aligned with a skills progression that includes reading and writing, critical thinking skills, and the skills and knowledge base needed to become independent learners.

These new state standards represent a cumulative effort to include many voices in developing academic standards that represent our state, are based on research, and include relevance and rigor to prepare our students for postsecondary education and the world or work. I commend your efforts and the efforts of others who worked so diligently on the new standards, and I know that the children of our state will be the ultimate beneficiaries of your commitment to excellence and your ability to lead us in a unified effort to provide the best possible education for the children of Oklahoma.

Thank you,

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