

January 27, 2016

Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Chair, Oklahoma Standards Steering Committee
Oliver Hodge Education Building, Room 1-20
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Superintendent Hofmeister:

As a member of the Standards Steering Committee, it has been a privilege to be a part of the process for the establishment of the new Oklahoma Math and English Language Arts standards. With the final review presented to the Standards committee on January 21, it is clear the subject-matter educators who developed the standards should be commended for their diligent work. The CareerTech board was notified of the presentation of the final draft and provided the opportunity to review the standards.

CareerTech subject matter experts in the area of mathematics reviewed the standards and commented they are grade-level appropriate, vertically aligned, clear, concise, and measurable. Also CareerTech educators who are members of the Oklahoma Mathematics Alliance have reviewed the standards at each phase.

I support the efforts of the Standards Steering Committee and subject-matter educators who have presented the new Math and English Language Arts Standards. Reducing the need for remedial coursework at the postsecondary level and preparing Oklahoma's students to be college- and career-ready is critical for Oklahoma's future.

Sincerely,



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State Director

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