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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

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SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to amend the Oklahoma State Department of Education Student Data Policy approved to implement provisions of the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013

On August 20, 2013, the State Board of Education approved a student data policy to implement the provisions of H.B. 1989 (codified at 70 O.S. § 3-168), relating the maintenance, accessibility and release of student data maintained by the State Department of Education.

The Department is seeking to amend the policy to address implementation challenges and clarify data governance procedures and processes.

1. The amended policy includes definitions from the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013;
2. A significant portion of the policy has been re-organized –without the addition of new language—for clarification and implementation purposes;
3. The amended policy includes an additional section relating to redaction of aggregate data;
4. The amended policy includes three new exceptions to the “written consent requirement” established by the Board;
5. The amended policy includes two new sections as “pre-approved” disclosure requests;
6. The amended policy includes a new section related to data governance.