USDE Assessment Waiver Request- Public Notice 4/13/16

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Pursuant to section 8401(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), of section 1111(b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), that Oklahoma's assessment system measure the full range of the State's academic content standards. Oklahoma requests this waiver only *with respect to measuring the State's speaking and listening content standards, which are part of the State's reading/language arts academic content standards*. Oklahoma requests this waiver because it is not practicable at this time for Oklahoma to administer a large-scale summative assessment that includes speaking and listening standards. This waiver will advance student achievement by permitting Oklahoma to have a valid and reliable assessment system that measures the full range of the rest of the State's academic content standards while providing time to complete the work necessary to have a valid and reliable measure of speaking and listening content standards.

Oklahoma requests this waiver to allow for continued State and local receipt of Title I, Part A funding in good standing while Oklahoma completes additional work to develop accurate, valid, reliable, and instructionally useful assessments related to speaking and listening. This waiver is requested for the 2016-2017 school year. Oklahoma assures that, if it is granted the requested waiver —

- It will continue to meet all other requirements of section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA, as amended by NCLB, and implementing regulations with respect to all State-determined academic content standards and assessments, including reporting student achievement and school performance, disaggregated by subgroups, to parents and the public.
- It will continue to work toward assessing speaking and listening consistent with the State's academic content standards.