



DEER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Honorable Members of the Oklahoma State Board of Education:

Please accept this correspondence as notification of support by Deer Creek School District of the Oklahoma Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. It is our hope that the standards will be approved as submitted.

Including all educators in the process development reinforces the credibility of the final draft. This professional process provided educators a variety of options for participation and should be commended. Some examples of participation include, the opportunity to be on the draft committee, opportunities for input and suggestions by all educators, not just those on the committee, and the continual communication regarding the timeline and revisions, as well as community and corporate input. It is important to note that our district had representation and input throughout the entire process: Deer Creek School District had a representative on the English Language Arts Committee and OSDE English Language Arts and Math representatives came to our district to present and gain input from our teachers about the standards. As a district, we communicated with and encouraged all of our staff members to provide feedback and input throughout the entire process and were pleased to see our suggestions as a part of the revisions throughout the draft stages.

The final drafts of the Oklahoma Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Math provide research-based, rigorous standards that are vertically aligned and viable to achieve. These standards will allow Oklahoma Educators to ensure that our students have the opportunity to be successful in their own personal learning progression of standards that are vertically aligned and systematically rigorous. The comprehensive development of the standards and examples leave no question(s) regarding the meaning or the intent of the standard. We feel confident that the students of Oklahoma will be prepared for their future no matter what school or district(s) they attend.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

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