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**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education  
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**SUBJECT:** Gifted and Talented Expenditure Reports and Related Penalties

Oklahoma statute requires each board of education to annually prepare a report of gifted child educational programs (“Gifted and Talented”) expenditures made during the prior year. These reports are required by state law (70 O.S. §1210.307(D)) to be submitted by August 1 of each year to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (“OSDE”).

As of November 6, 2020, OSDE has not received 2019-20 Gifted and Talented expenditure reports from twelve (12) districts. OSDE has sent reminders to delinquent districts, including most recently on October 23, 2020. Oklahoma administrative rules (210:15-23-10) provide that any district that fails to submit the Gifted and Talented expenditure report shall have the portion of state aid generated for such program withheld until all reporting requirements have been met.

Therefore, OSDE recommends to the Oklahoma State Board of Education to withhold the portion of their FY21 allocation generated by Gifted and Talented high-year weights for the following districts:

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| a. Bokeshe (40-I026)                              | g. Oilton (19-I020)       |
| b. Cherokee Immersion Charter School<br>(11-T001) | h. Riverside (9-C029)     |
| c. Darlington (9-C070)                            | i. Thackerville (43-I004) |
| d. Empire (69-I021)                               | j. Varnum (67-I007)       |
| e. Hanna (49-I064)                                | k. Wainwright (51-C009)   |
| f. Konawa (67-I004)                               | l. Woodland (57-I090)     |

Schools having the portion of their FY21 allocation generated by Gifted and Talented high-year weights withheld as a result of their delinquent Gifted and Talented expenditure report will have the full amount of their allocation restored if they properly submit the Expenditure Report prior to May 31, 2021. Otherwise, withheld funds will be redistributed across all districts through the final FY21 payment to school districts expected on June 17, 2021.

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