



JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: January 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Services

The following School is requesting deregulation for the 2021-2022 school year in order to provide library services to their students by an alternative means. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Regulation	Alternative Means
Latimer	Buffalo Valley	OAC 210: 35-5-71 OAC 210: 35-9-71	Use direct access by the teacher providing the learning experience or by the library assistant.

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.

See the attached map.

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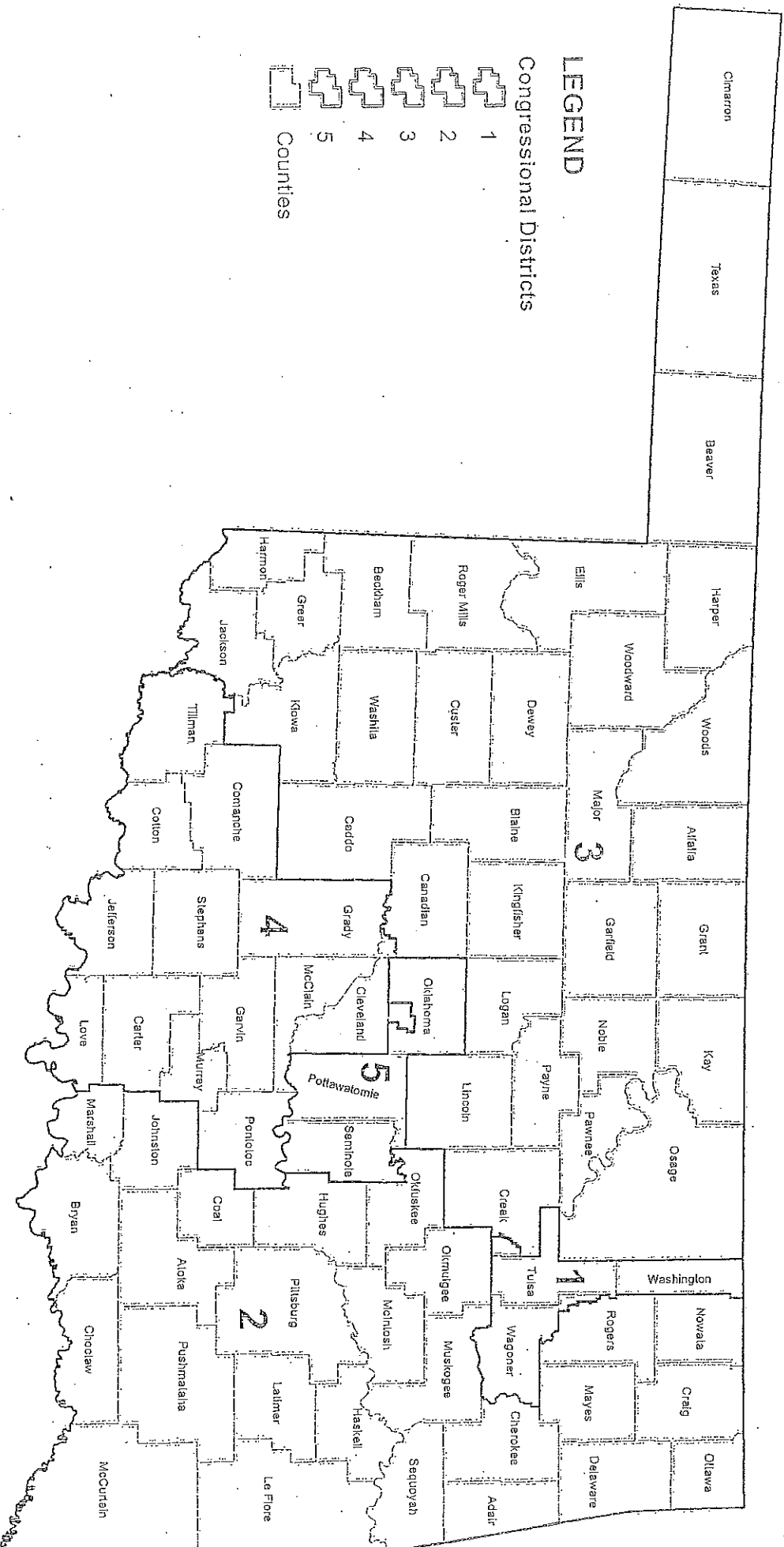
Attachments

Oklahoma Congressional Districts

LEGEND

Congressional Districts

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- Counties



210:35-5-71. STAFFING.

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

(1) OPTION A.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)

300 to 499

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500-999

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant

(2) OPTION B.

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

Fewer than 300

At least one-fifth time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

300 to 499

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant.

500 +

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant.

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS

210:35-7-61. Staffing

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS REQUIRED

Fewer than 300	At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)
300 to 499	At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a halftime library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant
500 to 999	At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a halftime assistant
1000 to 1499	At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant
1500 plus	At least two full-time certified library media specialists (librarians) (92)

210:35-9-71. Staffing.

The school shall provide staffing for the library media program through one of the following arrangements:

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At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian).

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At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant.

1500 plus

At least two full-time certified library media specialists (librarian)

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION
for 20 21 - 20 22 school year

39 COUNTY 1003 SCHOOL DISTRICT
4384 SE Hwy 63 Talihina 74571
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP CODE

Buffalo Valley Elementary and High School

NAME OF SITE

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PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE*

6-14-21

DATE

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DATE

Lyndon Howze

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

lhowze@bvpsd.org

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

[Signature]

6-14-21

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE*

DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on June 14th, 20 21

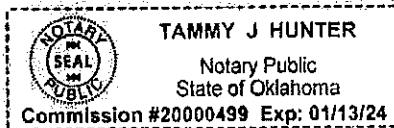
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BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL

Tammy J Hunter

NOTARY



6-14-21

DATE

1-13-2024

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:

(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:



One Year Only



Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS

1 of 1

ENROLLMENT

☐ High School
☐ Jr./Middle High
☐ Elementary

533 District Total

1-18-22

DATE RECEIVED

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OAC

20:35-5-71
20:35-9-71

Law Services

NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Deregulation request. Please include circumstances which necessitate changing the standard of library services for your size of school, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied?

Buffalo Valley School District is a small rural school district whose enrollment stays around 170-180 it is very difficult to find or afford a full-time library media specialist. We have had a retired/part-time specialist staffed in the past but have been unable to find a replacement thus far.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement and any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

All library media resources will be provided thru teacher assisted and directed practices; with access being granted by the teacher providing the learning experience or by the library assistant.

The students will continue to have access to all the resources that are onsite and receive the best possible benefits as in previous years.

Library assistants will be available to the k-8 and 9-12 libraries giving students access at all times.

- C. Has this deregulation been awarded before? If so what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district. If not what do you expect?

The effects on student performance will be minimal as they will have access to the libraries all during the day.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

Library hours are: K-8 7:50 am - 3:45 pm

9-12 7:50 am - 3:45 pm

- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed deregulation? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

The financial impact on Buffalo Valley School District would result in savings of around \$23,000 per year. This money will be spent on a library media solution if and when one is found.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E. TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

Principal and superintendent will assess and evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. They will follow the evaluation of the policy and procedures process of our school's student/teacher handbook

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

Buffalo Valley School

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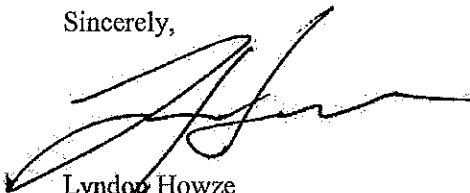
June14, 2021

Mr. Jason Pittenger, Director
Accreditation Section
State Department of Education
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Ok 73105-4599

Dear Mr. Pittenger

Buffalo Valley School would like to request an exemption from statutory requirements and State Board of Education rules (OAC 210:35-9-71) in regards to library media services for the school year 2021-2022. This request was approved at our June board meeting and was thought to have been sent for consideration, but after review of our records there was no deregulation letter. It was discovered that the request had never been submitted. It is at the mercy of the State Board that we make this request now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Howze', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lyndon Howze
Superintendent