



December 3, 2021

Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education

Re: Physical Education and Health Standards

Dear Superintendent Hofmeister:

As the Executive Director of the **Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance** (OAHPERD), I am writing to provide support on behalf of OAHPERD Board and Council members regarding the proposed new academic standards for Physical Education and Health. Our Board and Council has had an opportunity to review the standards, and we fully support these for their clarity, age appropriateness, inclusion of diversity, and promotion of healthy and physically active lifestyles.

We are grateful to the Oklahoma State Department of Education and all of its partners for engaging in this process and for offering our membership an opportunity to review and provide comment. Quality education includes health and physical education, as this sets a strong foundation for student learning and a healthy life.

Once again, we are in full support of the new standards for Physical Education and Health. We thoroughly believe that these standards, enacted with support for teachers, can have a positive effect on student well-being and the health indicators of our state.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, OAHPERD