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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joy Hofmeister

DATE: June 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to approve Reading Sufficiency Act Screeners for Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade

Oklahoma law, at 70 O.S. §1210.508C, requires the State Board of Education to approve Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) screening instruments. More specifically, the law provides:

*C. The State Board of Education shall approve screening instruments for use at the beginning and end of the school year, for monitoring of progress, and for measurement of reading skills at the end of the school year as required in subsections A and B of this section; provided, at least one of the screening instruments shall meet the following criteria:*

- 1. Assess for phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, and comprehension;*
- 2. Document the validity and reliability of each assessment;*
- 3. Can be used for diagnosis and progress monitoring;*
- 4. Can be used to assess special education and limited-English-proficient students;*  
*and*
- 5. Accompanied by a data management system that provides profiles for students, class, grade level and school building. The profiles shall identify each student's instructional point of need and reading achievement level. The State Board shall also determine periodic and post assessments to be used for students at risk of reading failure. The State Board shall ensure that any assessments approved are in alignment with the subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education. 70 O.S. §1210.508C(C)(1-5)*

On December 18, 2017, the State Department of Education (OSDE) issued a Request for Information, seeking information from suppliers regarding their ability to provide services for RSA screening. Upon receipt of information from suppliers of potential screening instruments, the OSDE partnered with the Regional Education Laboratory Southwest (REL SW) to conduct a review of the potential RSA screeners. The review is complete. The recommended RSA screeners meet the evidence-based research criteria required by the Every Student Succeeds Act and are valid and reliable measures.