

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD of EDUCATION

May 26, 2021

State Board of Education c/o Joy Hofmeister, Chair 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 74105

Honorable Members of the State Board of Education,

It has always been my honor to serve as the General Counsel to the State Board of Education. Since the day in 2015 when I was privileged to be employed in this capacity, I have come to work each day determined to do my duty and serve my state. I have done so to the best of my abilities, working to support the State Board through a mindset of service, duty and solutions that are based on foundational commitments to principles and ethics. I am proud to have played a role in the many successes and unprecedented achievements that the State Board has delivered for Oklahoma students and families.

It is after much thought and consideration, as life changes and additional opportunities within my role as General Counsel to the State Department of Education are presenting themselves, I hereby submit my resignation as General Counsel to this State Board. For purposes of continuity and adhering to my commitment to you and our work, it is my intention to continue serving through the State Board's retention of its next legal counsel. To be certain, this resignation is not intended to impact my role and service to State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joy Hofmeister. In fact, I am excited to continue in that role and increase focus on the important work within the State Department of Education under her incredible leadership.

For today, as I reflect, our record is both historic and accomplished. More importantly, I will be forever grateful for the lifelong friendships we have fostered. I have no doubt that they will remain strong and continue into our next seasons.

Thank you for the opportunity, Honorable Members.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Clark