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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: February 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the “Board”) that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Comanche	Flower Mound	Flower Mound Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds for Alpha Plus ELA materials for student learning.
Delaware	Kenwood	Kenwood Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to purchaser Alpha Plus ELA textbooks.
Grant	Deer Creek-Lamont	Deer Creek-Lamont Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds for Alpha Plus Success with OAS curriculum for Mathematics and English Language Arts.



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Jefferson	Terral	Terral Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds for Alpha Plus Success doe OAS ELA textbooks for grades 3-5.
Lincoln	Agra	Agra Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to purchase mathematic materials produced by Alpha Plus.
Noble	Morrison	Morrison Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to purchase Success with OAS ELA textbooks for Grades 3-5; which is not on the list of state-adopted instructional materials.

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Flower Mound Public Schools request.
- 2) Flower Mound Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.
- 3) Kenwood Public Schools request.
- 4) Kenwood Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.
- 5) Deer Creek-Lamont Public Schools request.
- 6) Deer Creek-Lamont Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks
- 7) Terral Public Schools request.
- 8) Terral Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks
- 9) Agra Public Schools request.
- 10) Agra Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks
- 11) Morrison Public Schools request.
- 12) Morrison Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks

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Attachments

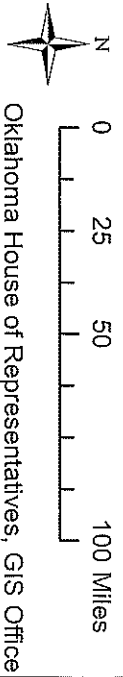
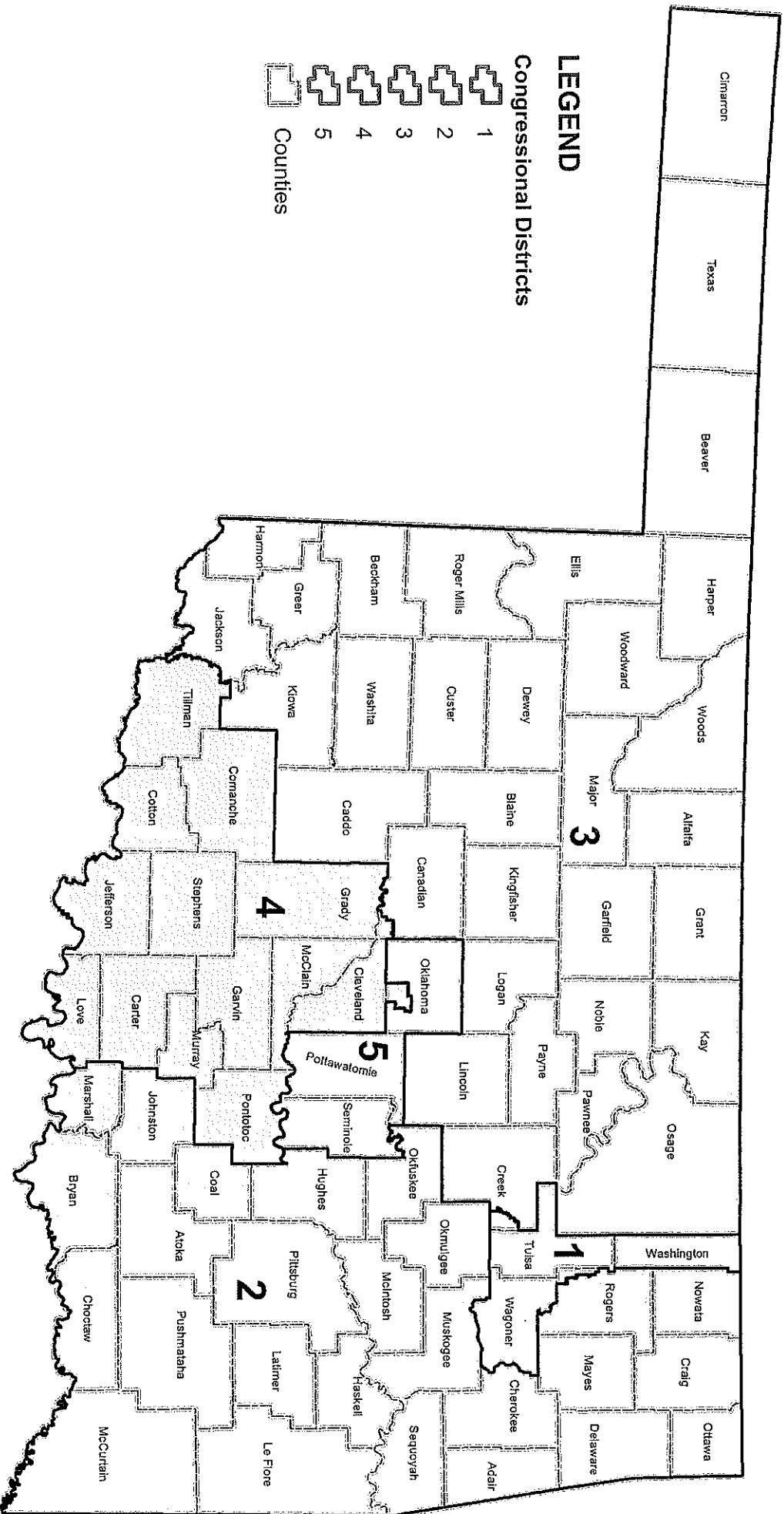
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Flower Mound School

Dax Trent, Superintendent/Principal

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Oklahoma A+ School

March 3rd, 2022

To the OSDE Office of Accreditation

Attn: Mr. Ryan Pieper

Flower Mound School is writing the OSDE requesting a waiver for flexibility to use its Textbook Allocation from the OSDE to purchase Alpha Plus ELA materials for student learning. Our staff and academic results are tied to the success of these materials and we, as a district, feel they are vital to the success of our students to achieve mastery on the OAS standards being taught in our state and school system. We thank the OSDE for their consideration of this waiver and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dax Trent". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dax Trent
Superintendent of Schools

Kenwood Public School



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March 4, 2022

Dear Honorable Members of the State Board of Education:

As Superintendent of Kenwood Public Schools I am writing to request permission to use state textbook allocations to purchase the Alpha plus OAS ELA textbooks.

We have used Alpha Plus products for a few years and have had good results.

Kenwood School greatly appreciates your consideration.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Billy Taylor
Superintendent

Deer Creek-Lamont Schools

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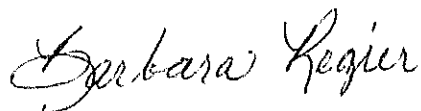
March 3, 2022

Office of Accreditation:

We would like to respectfully request flexibility of the use of textbook funds for purchasing Alpha Plus Success with OAS ELA books. This is the first year for Deer Creek-Lamont to use Success with OAS curriculum for Mathematics and English Language Arts. However, our teachers and administrators have been impressed with results to this point of the year. Our teachers appreciate the direct organization with the Oklahoma Standards and the Oklahoma content in the passages written by Oklahoma teachers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Regier, Superintendent



Donna Anderson
Superintendent

Terral Public School



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Nanette Foster
Office Manager

Dear Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

As superintendent of Terral Public Schools, I am writing to formally petition or respectfully request the State Board of Education allow a waiver for flexibility with textbook spending for Alpha Plus Success for OAS ELA textbooks for Grades 3-5.

According to 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-102 K: "Five or more district boards of education may petition the State Board of Education to add a book or series of textbooks to the approved list selected by the State Textbook Committee."

When I came on with Terral school last year, there was no path to achievement though the curriculum. We selected Alpha Plus in Math and ELA. Since that time our students have improved and we hope to have a very high percentage of growth from our last year's testing. Aligning our curriculum to the Oklahoma State Standards is a smart way to achieve the objectives required. Why would we purchase materials that do not build a pathway to Oklahoma Standards?

In my twenty one years as a principal and a superintendent, I have used Alpha Plus in almost every school I have led. In all schools, the achievement has increased and the educators have been glad to have a blueprint to work from for testing success.

Our board of education supports this appeal that aligns our curriculum with the required standards. Approved by the Terral Public Schools Board of Education February 15th, 2022.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions 580-564-5599 or danderson@terral.k12.ok.us

Donna Anderson

Superintendent

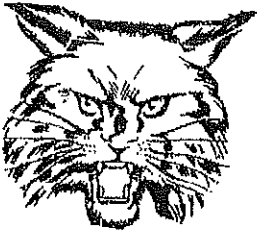
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To Whom It May Concern,

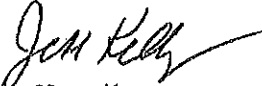
First of all, let me offer my appreciation for fully funding the State textbook fund. I am writing this letter to request flexibility in the use of our allotted State textbook money. We would like to use part of our textbook money to purchase mathematics materials produced by Alpha Plus.

The materials and textbooks they produce are specifically **Oklahoma standards based**. Their organization is Oklahoma based and driven by the needs of Oklahoma schools in comparison to the larger textbook companies who cater to states like Texas and California.

Agra Public Schools has been working with Alpha Plus for several years. Jan Barrick and her outstanding team at Alpha Plus have been and continue to be at the forefront of education in Oklahoma. My staff at Agra is especially pleased with the new Success with OAS English Language texts.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration.

Sincerely,


Jeff Kelly
Superintendent
Agra Public Schools



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"Home of the Wildcats"



March 3, 2022

Dear Honorable Members of the State Board of Education,

As superintendent of Morrison Public Schools, I am writing to respectfully request the State Board of Education to allow for the flexible use of Textbook Funds. The requested funds would be used to purchase Success with OAS ELA textbooks for Grades 3-5, which is not on the list of state-adopted instructional materials.

Morrison Public School's teachers have used Alpha Plus products and services this year and have seen the potential in these products. We love the alignment with Oklahoma standards and the professional content of the material. Alpha Plus publishes quality books that are the only curriculum materials solely aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS). The results we have seen, using Alpha Plus tools, indicate we will continue to see improvement in student performance, which is your goal and ours.

Our teachers, currently, use Success with OAS ELA and like their focus on Oklahoma content in text selections written by Oklahoma teachers. Our board of education supports this request, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Haken', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Brent Haken
Superintendent
Morrison Public Schools