



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:** July 23, 2020

**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
Pontotoc	Ada	Ada Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to cover other instructional expenses related directly to their classrooms.

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

**Enclosed are the following documents:**

- 1) Ada Public Schools request.
- 2) Ada Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

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Attachments

**ADA CITY SCHOOLS**  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
P.O. BOX 1359  
ADA, OKLAHOMA 74821-1359  
*www.adacougars.net*

July 15, 2020

Oklahoma State Department of Education  
Accreditation, Ryan Pieper  
2500 North Lincoln Blvd.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

To Mr. Ryan Pieper and The State Board of Education:

Please accept this letter as a request for a waiver related to the use of our annual textbook adoption allocation. The Ada City School District held a bond election on February 13, 2018 which passed. Included in the resolution were funds to purchase state-adopted textbooks over the subsequent three (3) academic years, beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year and ending in the 2020-2021 academic year. I have attached a copy of the bond resolution to document this fact. Additional information was provided to our patrons on our website, *adacougars.net*, which further outlined the intended use of bond funds, including the purchase of textbooks. The need for this bond resolution was created when the legislature ceased allocating state funds for textbooks.

In addition to the bond resolution, I have attached the July 1, 2020 Special Meeting agenda and minutes as evidence of Ada City School District Board Approval to use State Textbook appropriated funding flexibility to cover other instructional expenses directly related to our classrooms.

Ada City Schools is current on its state textbook adoption schedule. And thanks to our patrons, the District has sufficient bond funds to adopt current textbooks through the 2020-2021 academic year. Therefore, it is our desire to use the state textbook funding flexibility approved by the State Board of Education to expend our 2020-2021 textbook allocation to cover other instructional expenses directly related to our classrooms as determined by the Ada City School District Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration of Ada City Schools' request to grant flexibility in the use of our textbook allocation for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Sincerely,



Mike Anderson, Superintendent



**INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2017**

Independent School District No. 19, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma (Ada Public Schools)

In accordance with the Bond Transparency Act of 2017, please see the information below:

**Date of Posting:** December 19, 2017

**Description of Proposed Bond Projects voting on 13th day of February, 2018:**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**SERIES I**

to ~~acquire textbooks~~, technology equipment and perform STEM Lab improvements district-wide, as needed \$1,235,000.00

**SERIES II**

to ~~acquire textbooks~~, technology equipment and perform STEM Lab improvements district-wide, as needed \$210,000.00

**SERIES III**

to ~~acquire textbooks~~, technology equipment and perform STEM Lab improvements district-wide, as needed \$585,000.00

TOTAL: \$2,030,000.00

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

**SERIES I**

to acquire vehicles for pupil transportation from the proceeds of bonds maturing within five (5) years from their date \$425,000.00

**SERIES II**

to acquire vehicles for pupil transportation from the proceeds of bonds maturing within five (5) years from their date \$140,000.00

TOTAL: \$565,000.00

**Description of Unpaid/Unfinished Bonds Previously Approved by Voters of the Jurisdiction:**

As of the 13th day of February, 2018, Independent School District No. 19, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, has 4 General Obligation bond issue(s) outstanding:

\$5,690,000 Building Bonds of 2008, dated June 1, 2008 (\$650,000 outstanding in principal as of the 13th day of February, 2018);

\$1,970,000 Building Bonds of 2010, dated January 1, 2010 (\$460,000 outstanding in principal as of the 13th day of February, 2018);

\$770,000 Building Bonds of 2016, dated March 1, 2016 (\$770,000 in principal outstanding as of the 13th day of February, 2018); and

\$1,330,000 Building Bonds of 2017, dated February 1, 2017 (\$1,330,000 in principal outstanding as of the 13th day of February, 2018).

**Detailed Description of the Use of Previous Bond Proceeds:**

2008 Issue:

Construct and furnish a new early childhood center (630 W 33rd Street, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: site improvements, foundation, slab, building structure, floor coverings, sidewalks and parking lots	\$3,994,000.00
Renovate Willard Grade Center (817 E. 9th, Ada, OK 74820)	\$ 801,732.00
Renovate Ada Junior High School Cafeteria (223 W. 18th, Ada, OK 74820)	\$ 532,500.00
Acquire and install HVAC systems at Hayes (500 S. Mississippi, Ada, OK 74820), Washington (600 S. Oak, Ada, OK 74820) and Willard (817 E. 9th, Ada, OK 74820) Grade Centers' gymnasiums	\$ 213,000.00
Acquire and install security upgrades at Hayes (500 S. Mississippi, Ada, OK 74820), Washington (600 S. Oak, Ada, OK 74820) and Willard (817 E. 9th, Ada, OK 74820) Grade Centers and Ada Junior High School (223 W. 18th, Ada, OK 74820)	\$ 148,768.00
Total:	<u>\$5,690,000.00</u>

2010 Issue:

Furnish and equip a new early childhood building (630 W 33rd Street, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: doors and door hardware, windows and storefronts, ceiling tiles, drywall partitions, HVAC systems, electrical fixtures, lighting fixtures, cabinets and millwork, alarms and intercom, fire extinguishers and plumbing fixtures	\$1,970,000.00
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2016 Issue:

Construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire improvements at Willard Grade Center (817 E. 9th, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: roofing	\$770,000.00
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2017 Issue:

Construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire improvements at the Early Childhood Center (630 W 33rd Street, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: playground canopies and parking lot	\$214,000.00
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Construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire a multi-purpose classroom/storm shelter at Hayes Grade Center (500 S. Mississippi, Ada 74820) to include, but not be limited to: foundation, sidewalks, pads, ICF system, and brick veneer	\$479,000.00
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Construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire improvements at the Board of Education Building (324 West 20th, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: roofing and ADA compliancy upgrades	\$83,000.00
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Construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire improvements at Glenwood Resource Center (825 West 10th, Ada, OK 74820) to include, but not be limited to: roofing	\$554,000.00
Total:	<u>\$1,330,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTION ("FIRST RESOLUTION")

Pursuant to notice given under The Open Meeting Act, the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 19 of Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session at the Office of the Ada Board of Education Building, Ada Public Schools, 324 West 20th, Ada, Oklahoma, in said School District on the 11th day of December, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: TODD BOONE, President; KERI C. NORRIS, Vice President; RUSS GURLEY, Clerk and Member; DOUG HANEY, Member; KYLE STUART, Member

ABSENT: None

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the School District for the calendar year 2017 was given in writing, to the County Clerk of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma at prior to the close of business on the 17th day of November, 2016, and public notice of this meeting, setting forth the date, time, place and agenda was posted on the exterior window to the Board of Education Building, in prominent view and open to the public twenty-four (24) hours each day, seven (7) days each week at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the 8th day of December, 2017, being twenty-four (24) hours or more prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and State designated legal holidays, all in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act (as attached hereto).

(OTHER PROCEEDINGS)

BOONE introduced a Resolution which was read in full by the Clerk and upon motion by NORRIS, seconded by HANEY, was adopted by the following vote:

AYE: BOONE, NORRIS, GURLEY, HANEY, STUART

NAY: None

and said Resolution was thereupon signed by the President, attested by the Clerk, sealed with the seal of said School District, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the calling and holding of an election of Independent School District Number 19 of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors thereof the question of the issuance of the bonds of said School District in the sum of Two Million Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$2,030,000).

To be Issued in series to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites, and levying and collecting an annual tax in such district for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds.

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable by the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 19 of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, to construct, equip, repair and remodel school buildings, acquire school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquire and improve school sites, and

WHEREAS, there are no funds in the treasury for such purpose and power is granted said Board by Article X, Section 26 of the Oklahoma Constitution and Title 70, Article XV of the Oklahoma Statutes, 2011, and laws supplementary and amendatory thereto, to issue bonds to provide funds for such purpose provided the same be authorized by the registered qualified electors thereof, voting at an election held for that purpose.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 19 of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma:

SECTION 1.

That a special election is hereby called in said School District to be held on the 13th day of February, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of such School District the following proposition:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall Independent School District Number 19 of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Two Million Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$2,030,000) to be issued in series to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?

SECTION 2.

That such call for said election shall be by proclamation and notice signed by the President or Vice-President and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk setting forth the proposition to be voted upon, the number and location of the polling places, the hours of opening and closing of the polls, the names of the officers who shall conduct said election and the substance of Section 4 hereof, that the ballots shall set forth the proposition to vote upon substantially as set out in Section 1 hereof, and that the returns of said election shall be canvassed and certified to by the County Election Board.

SECTION 3.

That the number and location of the polling places and precinct officers for said election shall be as prescribed by the County Election Board.

SECTION 4.

That the specific projects for which at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid Bonds shall be expended and the dollar amounts for each project shall be as follows:

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to acquire textbooks, technology equipment and perform STEM Lab improvements district-wide, as needed	\$1,235,000.00
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SERIES II

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SERIES III

to acquire textbooks, technology equipment and perform STEM Lab improvements district-wide, as needed	\$585,000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,030,000.00

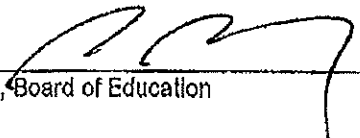
SECTION 5.

That a copy of this Resolution shall be personally delivered to the office of the County Election Board of Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of said election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2017.

  
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President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk, Board of Education

(SEAL)



INFORMATIVE NOTE TO THE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD: The proposition contained in this resolution requires a three-fifths (60%) majority for its passage and approval.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Slate of Oklahoma  
County of Pontotoc

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I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the County Election Board of the above County hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Resolution by the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 19 of the above County was personally served upon the office of the County Election Board of said County on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County Election Board of said County this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Cathleen Branscum  
Secretary, County Election Board

(SEAL)



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_





**Ada Public Schools**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Board of Education Meeting Room, 324 W. 20th Street , Ada, Oklahoma 74820**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order and Recording of Members Present and Absent
2. Vote to Approve or Not to Approve Encumbrance Orders:  
FY2019-2020
  - a. General Fund: P.O. #930-951
  - b. Building Fund: P.O. #192-197
  - c. Child Nutrition Fund: P.O. #14
  - d. Bond Fund: P.O. #40-42
  - e. Activity Fund: P.O. #701-707
  - f. Athletic Fund: P.O. #550-557  
FY2020-2021
  - g. General Fund: P.O. #28-51
  - h. Building Fund: P.O. #1-18
3. Preliminary FY2020 Year-End Financial Reports
4. Discussion and possible board action to approve the District's use of state textbook funding flexibility to cover other instructional expenses directly related to classrooms
5. Discussion and possible board action on Ada City Schools Academic 2020-2021 School Calendar
6. Discussion and possible action on the bus bids
7. Discussion of Strategic Plan
8. Recognition of Board Member Doug Haney and Executive Director of Academics and Instruction Paula Kedy for their many years of tremendous service to Ada City School District
9. Proposed executive session for the discussion of accepting the resignation of board member, Doug Haney, seat #1; discussion of hiring personnel as listed on attached schedule and accepting other resignations and retirements received to date. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118
10. Acknowledge Return to Open Session
11. Statement of Executive Session Proceedings
12. Action Items:
  - a. Vote to Accept or Not to Accept Resignation of Board Member Doug Haney 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118
  - b. Vote to Hire or Not to Hire Personnel Listed on "Personnel" Attachment 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1)

c. Vote to Accept or Not to Accept Resignations of Donna Hoehman, Emily Merritt, Alan Ogles, Ellen Sweatt, Sydney Thornton, Joshua Vaughn and to Accept Retirement of Linda Cantrell 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1)

13. Vote to Adjourn

POSTED THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING, 324 WEST 20TH, ADA, OKLAHOMA 74820.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, MINUTES CLERK, ADA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ada City Schools would be happy to accommodate your ADA needs for this meeting; please contact: Federal Programs Director at (580) 310-7200.

**Minutes of Special Meeting Agenda  
Ada Board of Education  
Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

**1. Call to Order and Recording of Members Present and Absent**

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM.

**Attendance Detail:**

Todd Boone: Present

Russ Gurley: Present

Doug Haney: Present

Keri Norris: Present

Kyle Stuart: Present

**Guests:** Susan Haney; Paula Kedy

**Staff:** Bryan Harwell, Executive Director; Lisa Fulton, Federal Programs Director; Celena Galbreaith, Technology Director; Mike Anderson, Superintendent; Kelly Howry, Minutes Clerk

**2. Vote to Approve or Not to Approve Encumbrance Orders:**

**FY2019-2020**

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**FY2020-2021**

- g. General Fund: P.O. #28-51
- h. Building Fund: P.O. #1-18

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to approve final FY2019-2020 Encumbrances and FY2020-2021 Encumbrances as listed above.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Doug Haney: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 5, no: 0

**3. Preliminary FY2020 Year-End Financial Reports**

The year-end financial reports were presented to the board.

**4. Discussion and possible board action to approve the District's use of state textbook funding flexibility to cover other instructional expenses directly related to classrooms**

**Action(s):**

Motion to approve the District's use of state textbook funding flexibility to cover other instructional expenses directly related to classrooms. This motion, made by Russ Gurley and seconded by Keri Norris, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Doug Haney: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 5, no: 0

**5. Discussion and possible board action on Ada City Schools Academic 2020-2021 School Calendar**

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to approve Option # 3 of the revised FY2020-2021 Ada City Schools Academic School Calendars which is attached and made a part of these minutes. This motion, made by Russ Gurley and seconded by Todd Boone, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Doug Haney: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 5, no: 0

**6. Discussion and possible action on the bus bids**

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to accept option #1 (which is noted below) of the bids for new buses.

Option 1: Ross 2020 71-Passenger (Gas)	\$75,379
Summit 2020 24-Passenger	<u>\$70,525</u>
Total	\$145,904

This motion, made by Doug Haney and seconded by Keri Norris, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Doug Haney: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 5, no: 0

**7. Discussion of Strategic Plan**

This Agenda Item is provided to facilitate discussion on the District's Strategic Plan

- a. Return to Learn Plan
  - i. Traditional
  - ii. Flexible Learning Opportunities
  - iii. Cougar Academy
- b. OSSBA Policy Recommendations

**8. Recognition of Board Member Doug Haney and Executive Director of Academics and Instruction Paula Kedy for their many years of tremendous service to Ada City School District**

Mr. Doug Haney, Board Member, left the meeting at 8:25 pm

**9. Proposed executive session for the discussion of accepting the resignation of board member, Doug Haney, seat #1; discussion of hiring personnel as listed on attached schedule and accepting other resignations and retirements received to date.** 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to convene to executive session at 7:54 pm to accept the resignation of board member, Doug Haney, seat #1, discussion of hiring personnel as listed on attached schedule and accepting other resignations received to date. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118. This motion, made by Todd Boone and seconded by Keri Norris, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes  
Russ Gurley: yes  
Keri Norris: yes  
Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 4, no: 0

**10. Acknowledge Return to Open Session**

Mr. Kyle Stuart acknowledged the board return to open session at 8:31 pm

**11. Statement of Executive Session Proceedings**

Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement/Statement: The matters considered in the executive session was the discussion of accepting the resignation of board member Doug Haney, seat #1; discussion of hiring personnel as listed on attached schedule and accepting any other resignations and retirements received to date. No action was taken in Executive Session.

**12. Action Items:**

12.a. Vote to Accept or Not to Accept Resignation of Board Member Doug Haney <sup>25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118</sup>

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of board member, Doug Haney. This motion, made by Keri Norris and seconded by Todd Boone, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 4, no: 0

12.b. Vote to Hire or Not to Hire Personnel Listed on "Personnel" Attachment <sup>25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1)</sup>

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to hire personnel as listed on attachment. This motion, made by Keri Norris and seconded by Russ Gurley, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 4, no: 0

12.c. Vote to Accept or Not to Accept Resignations of Donna Hoehman, Emily Merritt, Alan Ogles, Ellen Sweatt, Sydney Thornton, Joshua Vaughn and to Accept Retirement of Linda Cantrell <sup>25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1)</sup>

**Action(s):**

Motion was made to accept the resignations of Donna Hoehman, Emily Merritt, Alan Ogles, Ellen Sweatt, Sydney Thornton, Joshua Vaughn and to accept the retirement of Linda Cantrell. This motion, made by Russ Gurley and seconded by Todd Boone, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 4, no: 0

### 13. Vote to Adjourn

**Action(s):**

Motion as made to adjourn at 8:32 pm. This motion, made by Todd Boone and seconded by Keri Norris, passed.

**Voting Detail:**

Todd Boone: yes

Russ Gurley: yes

Keri Norris: yes

Kyle Stuart: yes

**Voting Summary:** yes: 4, no: 0

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Kelly Howry, Minutes Clerk

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Kyle Stuart, Vice-President

D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary, or described in instructions.  
A waiver/deregulation can be granted for up to 3 years. (Please see Instructions for additional requirements)

Rush Springs Public Schools is requesting this waiver/deregulation for the period of three years. A calendar/schedule of library use for all three sites is included.

E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation.

If the waiver/deregulation is granted, it would create a positive financial impact for the District. Rush Springs Public Schools would save the salary of a certified librarian which would be at the very least \$39, 211. The District would then be able to use the money saved to provide additional services or supplies for the students. Some of those supplies will include but, not limited to the purchase of Chromebooks, Content Management Systems, and supplemental curriculum materials.

F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan.

Rush Springs Public Schools will assess the effectiveness of the plan by not only tracking the number of materials checked out within the school year, but also documenting the availability of the library to students and staff as well. The District will also monitor how "library time" is used according to the schedules submitted.