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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet C. Barresi
DATE: December 19, 2013
SUBJECT: Math and Science Partnership Competitive Grant Recipients

Title II, Part B of *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)* authorizes a Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) competitive grant program. The intent of this program is to:

1. improve and upgrade the status and stature of mathematics and science teaching;
2. focus on the education of mathematics and science teachers as a career-long process;
3. bring mathematics and science teachers in elementary and secondary schools together with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers;
4. develop more rigorous mathematics and science curricula; and
5. improve and expand training of mathematics and science teachers, including training in effective integration of technology.

After working to increase awareness of the state's largest funding resource for improving math and science instruction, we received applications this year that exceeded the available funding of \$1.8 million by more than \$400,000. Based on the recommendation of the Math and Science Partnership 2013 Grant Review Committee, comprised of nine educators representing K-12 education, Career Tech, the Oklahoma State Departments of Education and Higher Education, the following districts were awarded:

Altus PS	\$214,768.45
Anadarko PS	\$191,020.98
Broken Arrow PS	\$146,985.01
Broken Bow PS	\$236,756.72
Byng PS	\$165,582.00
Lawton PS	\$239,425.89
Meeker PS	\$106,964.90
Osage County	\$222,607.26
Putnam City PS	\$237,882.44

The OSDE thanks all of the applicants and reviewers for their time and dedication. This type of commitment will lead to improved math and science achievement across Oklahoma. We encourage all districts to consider applying for the next MSP funding cycle expected in early fall of 2014.