TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Update

TLE Commission and TLE Working Groups

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) hosted additional meetings of the second TLE Working Group – focused on determining how student growth or value added data should be calculated for teachers of non-tested grades/subjects and teachers without a teaching assignment. The additional meetings were held in order to involve educator groups who were underrepresented in the originally scheduled sessions.

Draft recommendations from all 18 educator groups were presented to the TLE Commission on March 12, 2013. OSDE staff has analyzed the similarities and differences between each educator group's recommendations and has compared them to research and best practices of other states. These recommendations will be further refined by representatives of the TLE Working Group in collaboration with OSDE staff.

Recommendations will be presented to the TLE Commission on June 4, 2013, at 1 p.m.

Roster Verification and Value Added Analysis

Administrators have received communication from the OSDE concerning the voluntary process of Roster Verification that will aid in conducting a value added analysis for each teacher and leader of tested grades and subjects. Roster Verification training has been offered to school district data personnel, administrators, and teachers. The OSDE Roster Verification window opened on April 10 and will close on June 14, 2013. Visit http://ok.gov/sde/tle-roster-verification to view the training videos.

Qualitative Survey Report

Superintendents completed a survey that included feedback about the pilot implementation of the qualitative component of TLE. Based on the responses to the survey, OSDE has determined to conduct additional research on the quality of implementation during the pilot year and needs of districts in preparation for full implementation. Findings will be presented to the TLE Commission and the State Board of Education.

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