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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet Barresi *JCB*

DATE: June 27, 2013

SUBJECT: Recognition of Jae Strickland and Annetta McCoy for outstanding commitment to education

State Superintendent Janet Barresi and the State Board of Education recognize and commend Mrs. Jae Strickland, Principal of Hayes Elementary School and Mrs. Annetta McCoy, counselor at U.S. Grant High School for their outstanding commitment to education and involving the community and parents in innovative educational programs throughout their years of teaching.

Annetta McCoy received bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Texas and the University of Central Oklahoma, spending some 25 years as a professional educator in the Oklahoma City Public School system. After launching her teaching career at John Marshall High School, Mrs. McCoy later worked in administrative roles in the school district office helping implement integration programs, and as a roving counselor at elementary schools and finally at U. S. Grant High School. Annetta McCoy's exemplary career in education symbolizes all the teachers, counselors and school administrators who help guide and educate each new generation,

Jae Strickland began her career in education in 2002 as a teacher in Plano, Texas, and then moved to the Mid Del Public Schools. Mrs. Strickland was later appointed principal of Hayes Elementary School in Oklahoma City, with a student population heavily drawn from minority and low income neighborhoods. Despite the fact that those children were not expected to succeed, Principal Jae Strickland immediately launched a wide range of innovative programs, such as reading buddy efforts, Scouting, a community advisory board and a gifted and talented program. As a result, Hayes has seen fewer disciplinary issues and greater parent involvement. Principal Jae Strickland believes effective principals are servant leaders of a partnership among students, teachers, parents and the community.

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