MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: April 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Services

The following school is requesting deregulation for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years, in order to provide library services to their students by an alternative means. Approval is recommended.

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<td>Oklahoma (5)*</td>
<td>210:35-5-71</td>
<td>use a full-time library assistant and a volunteer</td>
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<td>Latimer (2)*</td>
<td>210:35-5-71</td>
<td>use a certified Library Media Specialist, 12-14 hours per week with a full-time aid</td>
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* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District. See the attached map.

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210:35-5-71. STAFFING.

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

(1) OPTION A.

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210:35-9-71. Staffing
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ENROLLMENT QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS REQUIRED

Fewer than 300 At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)

300 to 499 At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant

500 to 999 At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant

1000 to 1499 At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant

1500 plus At least two full-time certified library media specialists (librarians) (92)
March 5, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Jones Public School is applying for a de-regulation for library media exemptions from certification requirements for library media specialists to a district experiencing a shortage in this area.

Sincerely,

Mike Steele, Superintendent
Jones Public Schools
Name of Site(s):  Jones Elementary School

Name of School District:  55009 Jones Public School
Signature of Principal(s):  Date 3-5-12
Date ____________________
Date ____________________

Signature of Superintendent:*  
County Name:  55 Oklahoma County

I hereby certify that this deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on March 5, 2012.

Signature of Board President*

Notary:  Linda Herr  99015189
Date: 3-5-12  My Commission Expires: 10-12-15

1. Statement of the Regulation (specify OAC code):
OAC 210:35-5-71 Library Media Exemption: The State Board of Education may grant district-wide exemptions from certification requirements for library media specialists to districts experiencing a shortage in this area.

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PROJECT YEARS
1 of 1

ENROLLMENT

High School 340
Jr./Middle High 259
Elementary 519
District Total 1168

Date Received ____________________

OAC: ____________________

*Original signatures are required.
2. **Alternate Strategy:** (Clearly state alternative strategy (ies) which the district proposes and what results are to occur.)

Due to financial constraints, Jones Public Schools decided to invest available dollars in the regular classrooms, keep the student count low and retain all teachers instead of hiring an elementary librarian. The elementary library program is running just fine with a full-time librarian assistant and a volunteer library assistant.

The current library media aide has been employed as a library aide for over twelve (12) years and is highly competent and knowledgeable. She, along with a volunteer media aide, are operating the library/media center for the elementary school with no changes nor disruptions to the current schedule.

3. **Resources Needed:** (Outline materials, supplies, staff, etc. that will be needed for this new approach.)

   1 full-time library media aide

4. **Student and/or School Site Performance Levels to be Demonstrated:**

   Students will continue to check out books and study library media skills as in past years with no disruption to their library services.
5. **Evaluation Procedures and/or Process:** (Outline procedures/process to be followed and submit follow-up report to SDE at the end of the school year.)

The school administration, along with the library personnel, will evaluate the library program at the end of the school year and submit a written summary to the State Department of Education.

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6. **Financial Impact to the District of the Proposed Deregulation:**

The Jones School District will save the equivalent of a librarian's salary (approximately $40,000.00 depending upon years of experience).

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7. **Timeline(s):** (Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms, and other attachments as necessary.)

The elementary school library will operate full-time, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am until 3:00pm daily. There will be no interruption to the normal library schedule.
March 13, 2012

Dr. Neel:
Please accept the enclosed Deregulation Application from Panola Public School concerning our Library Media Specialist.
Because of lack of funding and because we have been dependent on the Gross Production Tax on natural gas in order to be fiscally responsible, the school made a difficult decision and did a Reduction in Force, which included the Library Media Specialist.
Panola Public School Fund Balance:
June 30, 2009 $908,400.17
June 30, 2010 $571,061.91
June 30, 2011 $276,660.10

As part of our Reduction in Force we have developed a plan. Panola Public School and Wilburton Public School will coop a Library Media Specialist and by working together, we have an excellent solution to keep our library an integral part of the education of our students for the 2012-2013 school year.
This decision is an important component for Panola Public School to be fiscally responsible for the 2012-2013 school year.
If there are any questions please call or e-mail me at:
alan.lumpkins@panolabearcats.org

Thank you for your consideration concerning this situation.

Respectfully,

Alan Lumpkins, Superintendent
Panola Public School
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ACCREDITATION DIVISION
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599
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SCHOOL SITE DEREGLATION APPLICATION
FOR 2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Site(s): Panola Public Schools, 391004

Name of School District: Panola Public Schools, 391004

Signature of Principal(s):* Lynne Albright Date 3/12/12
                                      Date 3/12/12

Signature of Superintendent:* John T. Edwards Date

County Name: Latimer

I hereby certify that this deregulation application was approved by our
local board of education at the meeting on 3/12/2012.

Signature of Board President:* Nancy Battle

Notary: Denise Cook
Date: 3/12/12 My Commission Expires 1/30/2014

1. Statement of the Regulation (specify OAC code):

210:35-5-71, 210:35-9-71
Library Media Specialist Staffing

*Original signatures are required.
2. **Alternate Strategy**: (Clearly state alternative strategy (ies) which the district proposes and what results are to occur.)

The Panola School District plans to co-op with the Wilburton School District for the 2012-2013 school year for the position of Library Media Specialist. The Library Media Specialist will provide services 12-14 hours per week. The library will be staffed during the school day 7:55am-3:30pm by an aid, who will be under the supervision of the Library Media Specialist from the Wilburton School District. With the full time aid, the library can be used to its full potential allowing the Panola School District to use the Library as a valuable resource for all students.

3. **Resources Needed**: (Outline materials, supplies, staff, etc. that will be needed for this new approach.)

The Library Media Specialist from Wilburton School District will provide guidance in planning for student use of the library. The specialist will also select supplies and materials for the library. They will help with developing a check out system for the library utilizing a computer generated accounting system. An aid will be in the library during the school day, to give our students the opportunity to access the library. The Library Media Specialist, from Wilburton School, will work with the aid in planning for the use of the library for our students.

4. **Student and/or School Site Performance Levels to be Demonstrated**:

The students will be able to access materials from the library by learning The Dewey Decimal System and the genre of books in the fiction and nonfiction areas. The student will learn how to use the reference materials in the library, with the aid giving lessons on the use of the materials. The students will have access to Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading with the aid helping on a one on one ratio.
5. **Evaluation Procedures and/or Process:** (Outline procedures/process to be followed and submit follow-up report to SDE at the end of the school year.)

Panola School will evaluate the student progress in Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading. The Library Media Specialist Test will determine the students understanding of reference materials, The Dewey Decimal System and fiction and nonfiction materials. It is the intent of Panola Public School to coop with Wilburton Public School for a Library Media Specialist for the 2012-2013 school year.

6. **Financial Impact to the District of the Proposed Deregulation:**

Panola School fund balance on
June 30, 2009 - $908,400.17
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It was necessary to do a Reduction in Force and one of the postions that is a part of the Reduction in Force was the Library Media Specialist. This action will be a savings of approximatly $40,000.00 to Panola School for the 2012-2013 school year.

7. **Timeline(s):** (Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms, and other attachments as necessary.)

The coop with Wilburton Public School will be for the 2012-2013 school year. The aid will open the library at 7:55am each school day and close the library at 3:20pm. The Library Media Specialist will be on campus 12-14 hours each week. The schedule will be worked out between the two school districts.