MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Superintendent Janet Barresi
DATE: July 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Oklahoma Parents As Teachers (OPAT) Parent Training Program Grants

On June 5, 2012 the State Board of Education approved funds for the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) program to be expended for competitive grants to public school districts.

The Parent Education Program is authorized in Section 10-105.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes: "The State Board of Education shall develop and implement a program of parent education which provides practical information and guidance to parents regarding the development of language, cognition, social skills and motor development of young children birth to age three . . . ."

The school districts on the attached list are recommended for funding for school year 2012-2013. The total amount is $1,001,500, to 42 school districts for the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers Program to serve an estimated 1,885 families.

Board approval is requested for this request.

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Attachment