TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet Barresi

DATE: March 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval of 2012 Oklahoma Minimum School Bus Specifications

State Board approval is requested for adoption of the 2012 Oklahoma Minimum School Bus Specifications. Every five years the National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) meets to update operational procedures and school bus standards. These standards are designed to provide a minimum level of protection in all 50 states. In 2007 the State Board approved the NCST minimum standards for school buses. Now in 2012, this request aims to improve upon the national minimum standard for Oklahoma schools by addressing Oklahoma specific issues.

Authorization for this action can be found in §70-9-104

B. 1. All transportation equipment shall be of such construction as to provide safe, comfortable and economical transportation of passengers. All such equipment which is used to transport ten or more public school children at one time shall be constructed, maintained and operated in accordance with all requirements of laws of the State of Oklahoma and rules of the State Board of Education.

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Attachments