## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Janet Barresi

**DATE:** November 19, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of 2014 Terrel H. Bell Award Winner

State Superintendent Janet Barresi and the State Board of Education recognize and commend Principal Kathy Hunt of Edmond Doyle Elementary School in the McAlester Public School district for being a recipient of the Terrel H. Bell Award. The award was presented to Principal Hunt by the U.S. Department of Education, together with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Association of Middle-Level Education, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, in memory of former Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell.

The Terrel H. Bell Award recognizes outstanding school leaders and the vital role they play in guiding students and schools to excellence, frequently under challenging circumstances. Principals nominated for this award are school leaders committed to fostering successful teaching and learning at their schools and who do "whatever it takes" to help their students meet high standards. They are committed to education as a powerful and liberating force in people's lives.

Secretary Bell held education as his highest priority, trusting that all students would find it their personal key to success. Bell Award recipients have transformed their schools. Their vision and collaborative leadership styles have produced outstanding results for all their students, regardless of race, language proficiency, or socioeconomic status. They have shown that with effective leadership and teaching and a firm conviction, all students can learn.

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