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Dear Colleagues,

In 2016, Oklahoma began teaching more comprehensive academic standards, which required new, more complex Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) assessments to measure them. The new assessments were given to students in spring 2017, and test results were released late fall 2017. The Oklahoma assessment scores now track for college and career readiness and align with national benchmarks like the SAT, ACT and the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The spring 2017 assessments required setting new performance levels for English language arts and math in grades 3 – 8 and 10. Performance levels, or “cut scores,” are presented in categories Advanced, Proficient, Basic (Limited Knowledge) and Below Basic (Unsatisfactory).

In year one, November 2017, we saw a significant drop in the number of students reported as Proficient or Advanced. That decrease does not mean students are less skilled than last year or that a school is less effective. It means Oklahoma’s scores have been recalibrated to align with the knowledge and skills students need to be ready for college and career. This school year represents a new beginning and a total reset; no comparison is possible with student or school performance in past years. It will become the baseline for student and school performance as we continue efforts to position every Oklahoma student on the leading edge of success.

Therefore, at this time, the outcomes data required for reporting within the 21st Century Community Learning Center Annual Performance Reporting System (21APR) is not available from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The required 21APR outcomes data will be available for reporting beginning in the fall of 2018. This is a one-time occurrence, and all outcomes data will be reported during the next data reporting period.

For further questions or comments, please contact the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Family and Community Engagement/21st Century Community Learning Center office at 405-522-6225.

Sincerely,

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