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Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
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Dear Superintendent Hofmeister:

Speaking for the staff of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), I am pleased to support the recommended English/Language Arts and mathematics standards.

SREB is a regional education compact, established in 1948 and numbers 16 southern states as members. Our mission is to work with Governors, state legislators, and state and district educational leaders and policy-makers to improve education from PK-12 through postsecondary education. Our work includes state-level policy making, curriculum development and implementation, teacher and leader professional development, and benchmarking practices and outcomes.

Given its distinctive role spanning PK-12 and postsecondary education, SREB is especially focused on its college/career ready agenda – that is, the preparation of many more students to succeed in postsecondary education.

We know that high quality and clear standards that rise to the level of college/career readiness are fundamental to the readiness agenda and , when combined with supporting curriculum and assessment , will present a clear, concrete view of what readiness means in reading, writing and mathematics.

In our opinion and based on the evaluation of our expert and objective consultants from Virginia, we find the recommended standards to meet the college/career ready criteria.

Please note and share, if you wish, the attached documents that detail our consultant's positive evaluation of these standards.

Finally, let me congratulate you on how you employed a sound, inclusive statewide process that involved so many stakeholders, including postsecondary education. Most important, if adopted, Oklahoma will have a set of standards on which the public schools can move confidently and purposefully.

Thank you for involving SREB in this review.

Sincerely,


Dave Spence, President