MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi

DATE: December 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Exceptions to the State Board of Education Regulations Concerning Teacher Certification as Presented by the Teacher Certification Section

The Teacher Certification Section presents these exceptions to the State Board of Education. These requests are based on district need.

State Board of Education authority to grant exceptions to the requirements for licensure/certification is provided by 70 O.S. § 6-187.

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December 20, 2012

70 O.S. § 6-187

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Name of Applicant/Degree
Area Requested

1. Patrick Foster
   Government

Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education—Northeastern State University

School District/Superintendent/County
Coweta Public Schools
Mr. Jeff Holmes, Superintendent
Wagoner County

Test Required for Certification: U.S. History/Oklahoma History/
Government/Economics Subject Area Test

Coweta Public Schools is asking for an exception for Government for Mr. Patrick Foster. Mr. Foster is currently certified in Physical Education/Health Safety, American History and Middle School Social Studies. Mr. Foster will sign up for the U.S. History/Oklahoma History/Government/Economics subject area test
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Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education—Northeastern State University

School District/Superintendent/County
Cyril Public Schools
Mr. Jamie Mitchell, Superintendent
Caddo County

Test Required for Certification: Intermediate/Middle Mathematics
Subject Area Test

Cyril Public Schools is asking for an exception for Middle/Intermediate Mathematics for Mr. Robert MacArthur. Mr. MacArthur is currently certified in Math (6th grade) but this does not make him highly qualified. Mr. MacArthur has 15 college hours of math. Mr. MacArthur will sign up to take the Intermediate/Middle Mathematics subject area test. Mr. Mitchell asks that the board allows the certificate to be dated November 1, 2012.
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Bachelor's Degree in Health Education—Oklahoma State University

School District/Superintendent/County
McLoud Public Schools
Mr. Doran Smith, Superintendent
Pottawatomie County

Test Required for Certification: Middle Level Science Subject Area Test

McLoud Public Schools is asking for an exception for Middle Level Science for Ms. Ariel Werchan. Ms. Werchan has 17 hours of Science related college courses. Ms. Werchan will seek certification through the Alternative Placement Program.