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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** January 28, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Proposed amendments to State Consolidated Plan, Accountability System

As a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each state was required to submit a plan to the United States Department of Education (USDE) for implementation of covered programs under the ESEA. These programs include Title I, Part A, Title III, Part A, as well as assurances relating to the adoption of challenging academic standards that are aligned to academic achievement standards, high-quality state assessments and a description of the state's accountability system, all of which identify compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The USDE approved Oklahoma's comprehensive education plan, Oklahoma Edge, in July 2018. Oklahoma's consolidated plan remains in effect for the duration of the State's participation in covered programs.

ESSA, as well as its predecessor versions, contemplates state amendments to plans. In fact, the law imposes an obligation on states to periodically review and revise the plan as necessary to reflect changes in the covered programs and the state's strategies in implementation of them.

In light of this obligation, OSDE has reviewed its state plan and is proposing amendments thereto. In particular, the proposed amendments relate to the state accountability system in the areas of (1) weighting of indicators; (2) minimum n-size; and (3) school support and improvement for schools identified as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement and Targeted Support and Improvement. Each of these are set forth in full detail in the materials and redline version of the proposed amendments that are enclosed for your review.

Beginning in summer 2019, the OSDE's Office of Accountability, alongside our Technical Advisory Committee and other technical experts, began examining the existing configuration of the accountability system as it aligns to our guiding principle: that *all students can grow and all schools can improve*. In the Fall of 2020, OSDE gathered stakeholders to discuss proposed amendments. Subsequently, taking into consideration the feedback from stakeholders, OSDE drafted the proposed amendments made them available for public comment beginning Friday, December 18, 2020 through Monday, January 18, 2021. OSDE received one formal comment, which is included as a part of this memorandum.

Based on the information provided, discussion and presentation at the January 28, 2021 meeting of the State Board of Education, OSDE requests and recommends approval of the proposed amendments to the State accountability system. Upon approval, the OSDE will submit the proposed amendments to the USDE, in form as approved, who is required to review the information submitted and approve or disapprove the changes within ninety (90) days.

Enclosures:   Executive Summary  
                  Proposed Amendment  
                  Public Comment – Alpha Plus

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