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STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

April 25, 2025

RE: Response to Mannford Public Schools Calendar Days Waiver Request

Dear Superintendent Spradlin,

This letter is in response to your March 27, 2025, waiver request and subsequent communications regarding Mannford Public Schools' calendar day requirements for the 2024-2025 academic year.

After careful review of your district's situation and the timing constraints presented, the Oklahoma State Department of Education hereby provides the following guidance:

Based on the extenuating circumstances presented, and pending formal action by the State Board of Education, Mannford Public Schools may proceed with its current academic calendar without adding the three (3) additional days in question. This guidance is provided in good faith with the following understandings:

1. The district has submitted all required documentation supporting the waiver request as of March 27, 2025
2. The timing of the next State Board of Education meeting (May 22, 2025) falls after your scheduled end of academic year
3. This guidance is intended to provide immediate direction for your district's planning purposes

The Department acknowledges that proceeding under this guidance, and pending formal Board action, will not result in:

- State Aid penalties
- Adverse effects on District Accreditation status
- Administrative certification consequences

This guidance is provided with the understanding that should the State Board of Education ultimately deny the waiver request, the Department will work collaboratively with Mannford Public Schools to address any necessary remediation steps without punitive measures, given the district's good faith compliance with this guidance and based on

precedent set by the State Board of Education's during the April 24th Board Meeting where Ada Public Schools was approved for similar circumstances.

We recognize the challenges faced by the Mannford community this academic year and appreciate your diligence in seeking proper authorization for these calendar adjustments. Please maintain all documentation related to this waiver request for your records.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact our office immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Walters

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Oklahoma State Department of Education

Cc: State Board of Education Members