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TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Fine Arts, Computer Science, Health, and Physical Education for Consideration of Approval

The State Department of Education is requesting approval of the proposed Academic Standards for Fine Arts, Computer Science, Health, and Physical Education. The standards specify what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level as learners of Fine Arts, Computer Science, Health, and Physical Education. These standards, and the expectations identified therein, are critical to the knowledge and citizenship skills our students will be expected to have mastered as they enter college and career.

"The subject matter standards shall be thoroughly reviewed by the State Board every six (6) years according to and in coordination with the existing subject area textbook adoption cycle. After review, the State Board shall adopt any revisions in such subject matter standards deemed necessary to achieve further improvements in the quality of education for the students of this state." 70 O.S. § 11-103.6a

Fine Arts and Computer Science are part of the textbook adoption cycle in 2023-24. In order for textbook vendors to ensure instructional materials reflect the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Fine Arts and Computer Science and to ensure the Oklahoma State Department of Education meets all deadlines associated with the textbook adoption cycle, the standards are being presented to the State Board of Education for approval.

The Health Education Act, 70 O.S. § 11-103.13 requires:

"By the 2023-2024 school year, school districts shall provide instruction addressing all health education subject matter standards, as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes" stating that "The subject matter standards for health and physical education shall include but not be limited to the domains of physical, emotional, social and intellectual health. Health literacy shall include the ability to obtain, process and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. Health shall also include the importance of proper nutrition and exercise,

mental health and wellness, substance abuse, coping skills for understanding and managing trauma, establishing and maintaining positive relationships and responsible decision-making. Physical literacy shall include the ability to move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person.”

Health and Physical Education standards are presented to the State Board of Education for approval to meet the above-stated requirements by the 2023-24 school year.