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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: January 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Alternate Tests for Oklahoma End-of-Instruction Exams

State Board approval is requested for adding TerraNova as an alternate test for the Oklahoma ACE End-of-Instruction Exams in order to meet ACE graduation requirements for military children who have not met the testing requirement by another form of assessment and have not taken the PSAT.

70 O.S. § 1210.523, which became effective July 1, 2006, states

Students who do not [demonstrate mastery by scoring at least at the proficient level on the end of instruction exams] may graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma by demonstrating mastery of state academic content standards by alternative methods as approved by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules providing for necessary student exceptions and exemptions to the requirements of this section.

The State Board of Education has previously approved several alternate tests for meeting this graduation requirement (attached). This request for approval of the TerraNova as an alternate test is based on research studies and the widespread use of the TerraNova as the primary standardized assessment of students in schools operated by the Department of Defense.

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Attachment