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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Janet C. Barresi

**DATE:** May 24, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist Certification Program

The Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist Certification Program has been initiated due to a statewide need for teachers who have expertise in gifted education. The Oklahoma State Department of Education has worked in collaboration with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, and a diverse group of stakeholders from common education, higher education, and career and technology education to develop program requirements, certification requirements, and competencies that delineate what teachers should know and be able to demonstrate in coursework and on the certification examination to become Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialists. We are seeking State Board approval of the proposed requirements and competencies.

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