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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: November 17, 2011
SUBJECT: Exception to the ACE Graduation Requirements

Lawton Public Schools, Congressional District 4, is requesting an exemption to the ACE Graduation Requirements for a senior who is the child of a military family. The student's family was transferred out of state during senior year. Based on the provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, the student may graduate from MacArthur High School, Lawton Public Schools.

70 O.S. § 1210.523

(D)(2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules providing for necessary exceptions and exemptions to the requirements of this section.

Oklahoma Administrative Code 210: 10-13-16

(b)(3) The Oklahoma State Board of Education has the authority to waive one or more of the requirements in (b)(1) of this section for an individual student if the Board determines that extenuating circumstances justify the waiver for an end of instruction exam.

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children states:

It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by...facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.

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