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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: November 15, 2012
SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Services

The following school is requesting deregulation for the 2012-2013 school year, in order to provide library services to their students by an alternative means. Approval is recommended.

| District | County | Regulation | Alternative Means | Request Years |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Blackwell Public Schools Early Childhood Center Elementary School Middle Schools | Kay(3)* | OAC 210:35-5-71 | use para professional and teachers to staff the libraries | 1 |
| Freedom Public Schools | Woods (3)* | OAC 210:35-5-71 OAC 210:35-9-71 | use a Library Media Specialist 1/5 time with a full time aid | 1 |
| Putnam City Public Schools | Oklahoma (5)* | OAC 210:35-5-71 | waive Library Media Specialist at the Pre-Kindergarten site; age appropriate materials are in each classroom | 1 |

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District. See the attached map.

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Attachments

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Accreditation Standards

- (b) Responsibility for the development and the operation of the media program shall be placed under the direction of professional staff with adequate technical and clerical help.
- (c) The media center, materials/equipment, and personnel shall be available to students and staff throughout the school day and throughout the school year. The media facility and staff should be used specifically to assist students and teachers in becoming effective users of ideas and information and to meet the instructional needs of the staff and students. The library media specialist (librarian) shall not be used as a substitute teacher or to replace a teacher in the classroom.
- (d) Inservice education programs shall be provided for the staff in order to ensure effective use of the media center(s).
- (e) Instruction in the use of media materials and the center's other resources shall be provided to all students. (92)

210:35-3-128. Evaluation

The media program shall reflect the philosophy of the school. The effectiveness of the program shall be judged on the basis of how it facilitates the instructional program. There shall be an ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of the organization, services, and resources of the media program. (92)

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

210:35-5-71. Staffing

The school shall provide staffing for the media program through one of the following arrangements:

(1) OPTION A

ENROLLMENT

Fewer than 300

300 to 499

500-999

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian)

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant

(2) OPTION B

ENROLLMENT

Fewer than 300

300 to 499

500 +

QUALIFIED SPECIALIST REQUIRED

At least one-fifth time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant

At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant

At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant (92)

210:35-5-72. Seating

- (a) The center shall be attractive, easily accessible, well-lighted, and appropriately equipped. In addition, there shall be sufficient work space for the technical processing and repair of materials, for conducting business routines, and for storing supplies and equipment. Control and listing of all materials shall be in

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

210:35-9-71. Staffing

The school shall provide staffing for the library media program through one of the following arrangements:

ENROLLMENT

QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS REQUIRED

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| Fewer than 300 | At least a half-time certified library media specialist (librarian) |
| 300 to 499 | At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) or a half-time library media specialist (librarian) and a full-time library assistant |
| 500 to 999 | At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and a half-time library assistant |
| 1000 to 1499 | At least one full-time certified library media specialist (librarian) and one full-time library assistant |
| 1500 plus | At least two full-time certified library media specialists (librarians) (92) |