PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE DRAFT OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HEREBY NOTIFIES ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OF ITS INTENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE DRAFT OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO THE FINAL DRAFT BEING SUBMITTED TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OUTLINES SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR OKLAHOMA LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES, ASSURING THE STATE FULLY AND APPROPRIATELY IMPLEMENTS THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (IDEA).

COPIES OF THE DRAFT OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, 2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, SUITE 412, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105-4599 OR ONLINE AT WWW.SDE.OK.GOV/SDE/SPECIAL-EDUCATION. PARTIES INTERESTED IN REVIEWING THE DRAFT OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL SHOULD CONTACT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT (405) 521-3351.

ANY INTERESTED PARTY IS INVITED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, 2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, SUITE 412, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105-4599 OR THROUGH EMAIL TO ABBY JOHNSON WITH "PUBLIC COMMENT" CLEARLY NOTED IN THE SUBJECT LINE. ALL COMMENTS SHOULD CITE THE APPLICABLE CHAPTER AND PAGE NUMBER OF THE DRAFT MANUAL. ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 24, 2022. ALL SOLICITATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT ARE BARRIER FREE. INDIVIDUALS WHO SPEAK A LANGUAGE(S) OTHER THAN ENGLISH, OR HAVE A HEARING IMPAIRMENT AND REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER, ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE OKLAHOMA STATE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VIA E-MAIL TO <u>ABBY JOHNSON</u> WITH "PUBLIC COMMENT" CLEARLY NOTED IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS WHEREBY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT ORAL COMMENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 AND 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022, AT THE HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING, STATE BOARD ROOM, ROOM 1-250, 2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105. PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SIGN IN AT THE DOOR OF THE STATE BOARD ROOM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE HEARING. TIME LIMITATIONS MAY BE IMPOSED ON PRESENTATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS WHO DESIRE TO MAKE ORAL COMMENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.