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### **165-DAY WAIVER APPLICATION**

Dear Accreditation Office and State Board of Education:

Based upon our school district meeting all requirements of Oklahoma Administrative Code 210:10-1-4, Antlers Public Schools is respectfully requesting the Accreditation Office and the Oklahoma State School Board to review our 165 Waiver Request Application for approval for the 2025-26 school year. Our district has met these administrative code requirements with successive state school board approval the last several school years. If approved again, our district would implement a 157 day calendar rather than a 165 day calendar while still complying with the 1,080 hr requirement with a school day of 7:50 am to 3:35 pm.

This waiver has proved beneficial to our students in previous school years in the following ways:

1. **Higher Student Attendance Rates** - Our modified calendar allows shorter school weeks, yet extending the entire school year to accommodate the calendar. Statistically, our students have gained seat time/academic time for learning. The shorter school weeks have proven to help in this area.
2. **Higher Employee Attendance Rates** - Our modified calendar has also proven to produce higher attendance rates of our employees. We believe that due to the shortened weeks, our employees find the work week more manageable and they also schedule their doctor appointments and personal needs on their weekdays when school is not in session. This is a huge factor as learning loss occurs when teachers are absent.
3. **Increased Instructional Time** - Our modified schedule statistically increases our students' instructional time which benefits our students.
4. **District Financial Savings** - The savings financially allows our district more funds available to be spent on instructional needs. During FY24, our shortened calendar saved our school district \$47,174.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

  
Russell Noland, Superintendent

*Attached: 2024-25 Estimate of Needs*

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**REQUIRED DATA MEETING OAC 210:10-1-4**

**BRANTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Overall Report Card – C
- Academic Growth – B (20.49 out of 30 points)
  - ELA Growth – 12.3 out of 15 points
  - Math Growth – 8.19 out of 15 points
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

**OBUCH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Overall Report Card – C
- Academic Growth – C (13.53 out of 30 points)
  - ELA Growth – 3.57 out of 15 points
  - Math Growth – 9.96 out of 15 points
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

**ANTLERS HIGH SCHOOL**

- Overall Report Card – B
- 4-Year Graduation Rate – 86.21%
- Academic Achievement – C (27.24 out of 45 points)
  - ELA Growth - 10.07 out of 15 points
  - Math Growth - 9.48 out of 15 points
  - Science - 7.69 out of 15 points
- Post-Secondary Opportunities – A (8.89 out of 10 points)
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

**FINANCIAL CRITERIA**

The following are FY24 savings from our shortened calendar:

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| ● Personnel Expense | \$11,338       |
| ● Food Service      | \$21,053       |
| ● Electricity       | \$8,393        |
| ● Natural Gas       | \$2,072        |
| ● Water             | \$1,711        |
| ● Fuel Expense      | <u>\$2,607</u> |

**TOTAL 1-YR SAVINGS        \$47,174**

**TOTAL EST 5-YR SAVINGS \$235,870**