



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Ryan Walters

DATE: June 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Deregulation for Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption

The following school is requesting exemption from library media certification requirements pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-126 for the 2025-2026 school year. A certified teacher will be used as the librarian while pursuing library media certification. Approval is recommended.

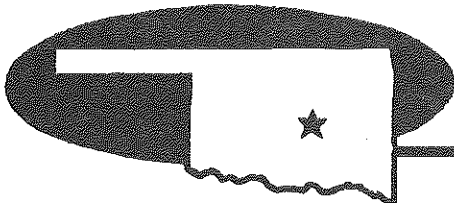
County	District	Waiver Years
Seminole	New Lima	1 of 1
Canadian	Mustang	1 of 3

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

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Attachments

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New Lima Public Schools I-6

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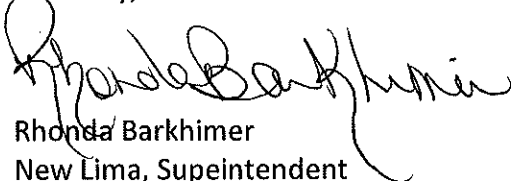
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request a Statutory Waiver/Deregulation for the Library Media Services for both the elementary and secondary libraries of New Lima Public School (67-1006). New Lima received a waiver for the 2024/2025 school year and this request is to continue the exact same staffing for the 2025/2026 school year.

Currently the first grade teacher is a certified Library Media Specialist (Ginger M. Posey #226302). She has agreed to be paid for her planning period to supervise the running of both libraries. Mrs. Peggy Battey, the current library assistant listed on the Accreditation Report, will continue to work in the libraries for a full day. With Mrs. Posey's supervision and Mrs. Battey's many years of library experience, the New Lima School district will be well served in the elementary and secondary libraries.

Please feel free to contact the school at (405) 257-5771 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Rhonda Barkhimer
New Lima, Superintendent
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- A. Reason for the Deregulation request. Please include circumstances which necessitate changing the standard of library services for your size of school, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied?

New Lima received a deregulation for the 2024/2025 school year. Mrs. Posey holds a Library Medial Specialist Certification and was paid for her planning period to oversee the operations of both the elementary and high school libraries. This arraignment worked very well for the school.

If the waiver is denied I would move the current first grade teacher (Mrs. Posey), who is also a Reading Specialist, to the library. Leaving me to hire a first grade teacher. The school will be better served to leave Mrs. Posey in the first grade classroom.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement and any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

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- C. Has this deregulation been awarded before? If so what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district. If not what do you expect?

New Lima received a Library Waiver for the 2024/2025 school year. The requested circumstances of the waiver will be the exact implementation that is being used now. Circulation of books has remained the same and use of the library has been consistent.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

Both Libraries will be open every hour of every school day. The aid, Mrs. Battey will spend half a day in each library. The librarian, Mrs. Posey, will spend an hour a day supervising the combined libraries. For hours that Mrs. Battey is not in the library, the teacher using the library will check out books and monitor the use of the library for their students.

- E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed deregulation? If positive please describe where the available would be reallocated.

The Degeulation schedule for the 2024/2025 school year will continue for the 2025/2026 school year. This will keep the financial obligation for the school exactly the same. (Not considering step raises.) The will be neither a positive nor negative impact on the school.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E. TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

New Lima uses the TLE for evaluations. This was used for the 2024/2025 school year and will be used again for the 2025/2026 school year. Mrs. Posey and Mrs. Batey are truly professional woman. Their evaluations reflect this. There was not a drop in the use of the library, nor do I forsee a drop in effectiveness of either library for the 2025/2026 school year.

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NEW LIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEW LIMA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 28, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Superintendent's Office, north end of the high school building, which is located at 116 Gross Street in Lima, Oklahoma. As required by Title 25, Section 311 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

MINUTES

1. The New Lima Board of Education met in a regular session on April 28, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, John Henson at 6:34 p.m. Members present at roll call: Shelly Wood, Dewayne Streater and Angel Haggard. Absent member was Rex Hailey. Others present at roll call were: Rhonda Barkhimer, Melinda Spears and Kent Lee.
2. The Prayer was led by Mrs. Barkhimer. The Pledge of Allegiance and Oklahoma Flag Salute were led by Mr. Henson.
3. On a motion by Mr. Streater and a second by Mrs. Haggard, the board voted to adopt the agenda and consent agenda. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 4./7. Consent agenda all of the following items, which concern reports and items of routine nature normally approved at a board meeting, will be approved by one vote, unless any board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items. The consent agenda consists of the discussion, consideration and vote on the following items.
 - a. Approval and signing of the minutes from March 31, 2025-regular board meeting
 - b. Approval of Encumbrances:
 1. General Fund Encumbrances: #159 to #171
 2. General Fund Payroll Encumbrances: #70188
 3. Building Fund Encumbrances: None
 4. Co-op Payroll Encumbrances: None
 5. Child Nutrition Fund Payroll Encumbrance: None
 6. Child Nutrition Fund Encumbrance: None
 7. Transportation Bond Encumbrance: NonePayments and appropriations for FY2025
 - Approval of Blanket Encumbrances:
 1. General Fund Encumbrances #1 to #75, #77 to #80, #89, #111, #116, #117 & #152
 2. Building Fund Encumbrances #1 to #10, #15, #16, #18 to #21, #26, #27, #31 & #32
 3. Child Nutrition Encumbrances #1 to #15, #24 & #30Payments and appropriations for FY2025

- c. Approval of the Treasurer's monthly financial statement.
- d. Approval of the Activity Fund's monthly financial statement
- e. Acceptance of any tendered resignations - Erin Barkhimer

Mr. Streater made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a thru e. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.

- 5. Newly elected board member Angel Haggard was sworn in and read the Loyalty Oath of Office for Board Seat #5.
- 6. Mr. Streater made a motion to retain the same officers by acclamation. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 8. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2025-2026. This resolution authorizes filing of the form 471 applications for funding year 2025-2026 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services. It was seconded by Mrs. Wood. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 9. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve the application of Temporary Appropriations, as presented for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. It was seconded by Mrs. Wood. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 10. On a motion by Mr. Streater and a second by Mrs. Wood, the board voted to approve an Activity Fund transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Yearbook Fund #917 to each of the listed activity fund sub-accounts in the amount of \$125.00 each from the sale of yearbook pictures: Student Council #909, Cheerleader Fund #805, 4-H Club #915, FCA #815, National Honor Society #923, Academic Bowl #924, Yearbook Fund #917 and Native American Club Fund #916. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 11. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve a resolution to the Seminole County Commissioners supporting a half cent Seminole County Education Sales Tax. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
- 12. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve participation in the Seminole County Special Education Inter-Local Cooperative for the 2025-2026 school year, designating Rhonda Barkhimer, Superintendent, to act as representative for the New Lima Public School District and to authorize the State Department of Education to deposit New Lima's Special Education funds to the Seminole County Inter-local Cooperative. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.

13. Mrs. Wood proposed an executive session to discuss evaluation and renewal of support staff contracts for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Pursuant to Oklahoma State Statute Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1).
14. Mrs. Wood made a motion to convene into executive session at 6:52 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
15. The board returned from executive session at 7:27 p.m. with the compliance statement read as follows: Only agenda item #13 was discussed and no votes were taken.
16. Mr. Streater made a motion to re-employ support personnel as a group. It was seconded by Mrs. Wood. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
17. On a motion by Mrs. Wood and a second by Mrs. Haggard, the board approved the participation in the East Central Oklahoma On-Line Consortium administered by Gordon Cooper Technology Center 63-V005. This will continue New Lima as a Tier I school purchasing five (5) seats at a cost of \$3,250.00. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
18. After discussion, Mrs. Wood made a motion to approve the School Site Statutory Waiver/Deregulation Application for Library Media Services for both the elementary and secondary libraries for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. (This is the second year to apply for the waiver and will be administered in the exact manner as the past school year). Mr. Streater seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
19. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve the gym renovations (painting, replace outdated windows and replace seat covers). It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
20. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Honda 4-wheeler to help maintain the ballfields. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
21. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve hiring Trissy Bruner as the certified teacher in the New Lima Co-op classroom for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
22. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve membership in the following organizations for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year: OASIS (Oklahoma Association serving Impacted Schools), OSSBA (Oklahoma State School Board Association), OROS (Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools), CCOSA (Cooperative Council Oklahoma School Administration), OPSRC (Oklahoma Public School Resource Center) and NAFIS (National Association of Federally Impacted Schools). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.

23. Mrs. Haggard made a motion to approve the contract with Alcohol Drug and Testing Inc. for random bus driver testing for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Streater seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
24. Mrs. Haggard made a motion to rehire Turner Whorton as an emergency-certified teacher. She will coach some elementary basketball and high school softball. Emergency certification will include teaching psychology, sociology, humanities and health classes. (This will be her second year on an emergency certificate at New Lima). It was seconded by Mr. Streater. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
25. On a motion by Mr. Streater and a second by Mrs. Haggard, the board voted to rehire Britlee Snodgrass as an emergency-certified teacher. She will teach 7th thru 12th grade science classes and assist with some coaching duties. Her emergency certification will include teaching 7th and 8th grade science, biological sciences and earth science classes. (This will be her second year on an emergency certificate at New Lima). Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
26. On a motion by Mr. Streater and a second by Mrs. Haggard, the board approved the agreement between New Lima School and Rider Classroom Spanish for distant learning Spanish for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
27. Mr. Streater made a motion to approve adding a \$3,500.00 extra duty stipend to the Extra Duty Stipend Schedule for the Director of Special Education. (This will take effect for the current 2024-2025 school year.) The motion was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
28. Administrator Report:
Superintendent Report - Per Mrs. Barkhimer
 - ◆For safety concerns, some doors have been replaced in the high school annex, co-op building and gym
 - ◆Asbestos Inspection completed, next inspection due in 2028
 - ◆Smart Foundation grant paid for all art supplies
 - ◆Quote requested to epoxy the art room floor this summer
 - ◆Elementary purchased a sun shade for the playground, to be installed this summer
 - ◆Dedication of Nanny's Nook in remembrance of Pat Barkhimer will be April 29th @ 5:00 p.m.
 - ◆Seminole Producer recent stories on Gifted/Talented field trip and 6th grade science project
 - ◆Upcoming May activities
High School Principal/Athletic Director - Per Mr. Lee
 - ◆Baseball Regional Tournament at Hammon
29. No one wished to speak under public forum.

30. Under new business, Mr. Streater made a motion to surplus some old playground equipment and miscellaneous items located in the bus barn storage. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.
31. Mrs. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Haggard. Roll call vote: Mr. Henson-yes, Mrs. Wood-yes, Mr. Streater-yes and Mrs. Haggard-yes. Motion carried.

May 19, 2025

Date

Melinda Spears

Minutes Clerk


Board President/Clerk