AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:
Our mission at the Oklahoma State Department of Education:
- Improve student success through SERVICE to districts, schools, teachers, students and parents;
- LEADERSHIP for comprehensive study of issues;
- FACILITATE best practices by removing obstacles to success, including those in state and federal law;
- Provide greater COMMUNICATION, TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY.

In the coming months, under the leadership of State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, this mission statement will be examined further and likely amended to fit the capacity needs of the agency. From that point it will be reviewed periodically to ensure it aligns with leadership and agency goals.

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GOVERNANCE:
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister is a statewide elected official. The State Board of Education is appointed by the Governor's office. Members of the State Board of Education are listed below:

Dan Keating – Congressional District 1
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Cathryn Franks – Congressional District 3
Leo J. Baxter – Congressional District 4
William Price – Congressional District 5
William Shdeed – at large

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:
There is no attendance policy for members of the State Board of Education. A quorum is required in order for the Board to conduct business.

SAVINGS, EFFICIENCIES AND SHARED SERVICES
Efforts to find new cost savings and efficiencies will be a priority for State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister. Progress has been made over the last year in areas of IT, agency conferences and training, purchasing and greater cooperation with other agencies. After completing IT Consolidation in June 2012, pre- and post-consolidation indicate a cost-savings of $5.6 million over six years. Cooperation continues with OMES-ISD to consolidate IT services for savings on software and mainframe infrastructure programs.

SDE also has reorganized and combined conferences statewide in order to allow for clear messaging, reduced costs, higher quality presenters, and more training options at larger events to reduce costs. In addition, online training and resources — including iTunesU, webinars, enhanced listservs, data systems, and free open-source online content and software — are being utilized to reduce costs in training and software. To create efficiencies in its purchasing process, the SDE now uses e-pro for acquisition of goods and services. Finally, SDE has entered into agreements with CareerTech and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for shared positions that result in savings to the agency.