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Office of the Secretary of Education
State of Oklahoma

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Dear Textbook Publishers,

On May 7th, 2021, Governor Stitt signed HB 1775 which prohibits Oklahoma public schools from engaging in race or sex-based discriminatory acts by utilizing these methods outlined below, which result in treating individuals differently on the basis of race or sex or the creation of a hostile environment. Language from section (c) states:

(c) **General Prohibition.** *No teacher, administrator or other employee of a school district, charter school or virtual charter school shall require or make part of a course the following concepts:*

1. *one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex,*
2. *an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously,*
3. *an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex,*
4. *members of one race or sex cannot and should not attempt to treat others without respect to race or sex,*
5. *an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex,*
6. *an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex,*
7. *any individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex, or*
8. *meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist or sexist or were created by members of a particular race to oppress members of another race.*

Language from section (d), subsection (3), states:

(3) Public schools in this state shall be prohibited from adopting programs or utilizing textbooks, instructional materials, curriculum, classroom assignments, orientation, interventions, or counseling that include, incorporate or are based on the discriminatory concepts identified in subsection (c).

Due to the passage of this bill, no public school districts, charter schools, or virtual charter schools in the State of Oklahoma will be allowed to purchase materials that promote race or sex-based discriminatory acts. If you intend to continue doing business with Oklahoma schools, I ask that you review your materials and edit it as needed to ensure that any textbooks intended to be sold to our schools align with the standards laid out in HB 1775. Critical Race Theory is not welcome in Oklahoma.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my office at Ryan.Walters@gov.ok.gov.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Walters".

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