

June 26, 2008

**S.B. 519 – PHYSICAL FITNESS
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
AND PILOTS**

Dear Superintendent:

Senate Bill 519, creating a new law at 70 O.S. § 24-100c, directs the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health to facilitate the development of a physical fitness assessment software program customized for public schools, becomes effective July 1, 2008.

The software will track five components of student health-related physical fitness, including aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and a weight status assessment that includes measurement of height and weight, calculation of body mass index for age, and plotting of these measures on standard growth charts.

The software shall have the capability of creating a confidential individual student report. The program will be developed and made accessible to school districts at no cost.

The State Department of Health shall select at least fifteen elementary schools statewide to pilot the software program during the 2008-2009 school year. Pilot schools will assess all participating students in Grades three, four, and five. No school selected to participate in the pilot program shall be required to utilize the software program. No student shall be required to participate in the assessment if a parent or guardian of the student objects in writing.

A copy of Senate Bill 519 is attached. For more information please contact the Office of Innovation, Support and Alternative Education at (405) 522-0276.

Sincerely,

Sandy Garrett
State Superintendent

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Attachment: Senate Bill 519