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STATEMENT

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Statement from Lealon Taylor, Chief of Staff, Oklahoma Department of Education

"Apparently, the White House and/or the U.S. Department of Education have communicated directly with school principals regarding President Obama's September 8 speech. The Oklahoma Department of Education is not aware of which schools are participating. We do suggest that reasonable accommodations be provided to any students whose parents object to their viewing of the speech."