

OSB Commission Report
May 11, 2020

OSB continues to provide instruction and related services to students via tele-therapy, google classroom, one on one videoconferencing (i.e. Zoom), and individual student packets. Distance Learning will end and school year will be completed on May 12, 2020. Administration, teachers, and staff are working in conjunction to provide needed instruction and materials to students. Administration is waiting on further guidance from Oklahoma State Department of Education and Governor's Office to plan for a graduation later in the summer. It is tentatively scheduled for June 23. Eight students will graduate from OSB this school year. Summer School has been canceled for the 2019-2020 school year.

OSB 2020 Teacher of the Year is Ruby Barker. OSB Employee of the Year is Rebecca Larue. OSB Teacher, Tera Webb, was selected as Area 10 Special Olympics Coach of the Year. This award follows her earlier award this year as Adapted PE Teacher of the Year from the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Remembrance Day Celebration to honor the 75th anniversary of the tornado victims at OSB has been postponed to a later date.

OSB is wrapping up the Oklahoma VI Teacher's Institute (OVTI) for the 2019-2020 school year. There are three remaining sessions: VI Test Prep. Boot camp on May 13th- Orientation and Mobility, May 20th Orientation & Mobility, and then Braille Final on June 1st. There has been great feedback from our participants and plans are to move forward to the third year of OVTI, which has been approved for the 2020-2021 year. There are 20 participants allowed, and there are currently 17 teachers on the waiting list before posting the institute on the SDE website.

OSB Outreach Services are being provided throughout the state by virtual consultations (upon request by parents, school districts, etc.) and IEP meeting participation.

"VI Tips and Tricks at home" link has been added to the OSB Website. There has been great feedback from parents, school districts, and Sooner Start regarding the videos. Plans are being made to increase OSB's web-based Library.

OSB gymnasium project is underway and is still expected to be completed in July 2020.

OSB will lose two teachers to retirement after the 2019-2020 school year. (Ruby Barker- Braille Teacher; Sylvia Sterling, School Psychologist; and Karen Bryan, ILS Instructor.)

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Echelle, Superintendent