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**State Superintendent discusses with students new history rules
on Murrah, World Trade Center bombings**

OKLAHOMA CITY - State Superintendent Sandy Garrett today discussed with members of the State Superintendent's Student Advisory Council how the 1995 bombing of the Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City is to be addressed in state Oklahoma, U.S. and World history classes.

The discussion followed the Council touring the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum and being engaged in presentations related to the bombing, hate crimes and school bullying.

Garrett told the students that the state Board of Education on February 4 passed a rule to affirm that this event be included in school districts' Oklahoma History, U.S. History and World History curriculum.

"Many social studies teachers have been covering this material for years," Garrett said. "Yet the Board's new rule, occurring in the 15th anniversary year of the bombing, makes certain this event will forever be included in Oklahoma high school teachers' instruction."



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She added the Board's rule also affirmed that the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Centers in New York City, and subsequent events such as the creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Patriot Act and the wars and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, were included in U.S. and world history classes.

"History doesn't stand still, so we must always be vigilant about making sure our curriculum standards reflect what is, and what must continue to be taught in the classroom," Garrett told the students.

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