



Claremore Public Schools

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Office of the Superintendent

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Gary Ridley
Secretary of Transportation
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 NE 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-3204

Re: Support of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Separation Project in Claremore,
Oklahoma

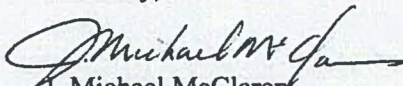
Dear Secretary Ridley,

As superintendent of one of the largest school districts in northeast Oklahoma, I urge you to consider funding for this much-needed project. I am especially concerned with school bus safety as it relates to the railroad crossings. We have 3,343 students who ride school buses daily; nearly every route crosses at least one, and often two, sets of railroad tracks.

It is imperative as our population continues to grow that we take steps to improve the safety of our students and citizens through the railroad separation project.

On behalf of our students, I urge you to consider the funding proposal.

Sincerely,


J. Michael McClaren
Superintendent