

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1630.

Over the past several years, Oklahoma has made real progress in getting students back in the classroom and reducing the use of virtual school days. Students learn best when they are in school, with their teachers and classmates. Senate Bill 1630 moves Oklahoma in the wrong direction by creating another circumstance where virtual instruction can replace in-person learning. Oklahoma should continue building on the progress we have made, not create new exceptions that take students out of the classroom.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1630.