



OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

February 10, 2026

State Superintendent Lindel Fields

Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

Subject Line: Urgent Request to Address Student Walkouts and Uphold School Attendance Laws

Dear Superintendent Fields,

We are writing as elected officials to express our grave concern regarding recent student walkouts targeting ICE agents and law enforcement personnel.

Taxpayer-funded institutions have reportedly seen students leave classrooms to participate in politically charged protests. These actions disrupt the educational environment, undermine respect for the rule of law, and compromise student safety by removing minors from supervision without parental consent.

Legal and Professional Concerns

Facilitating or ignoring these unexcused absences during instructional time may violate Oklahoma's compulsory attendance laws (Title 70 O.S. §10-105). Furthermore, any educators found to be promoting or organizing these walkouts may be in breach of professional standards, potentially warranting the revocation of their teaching certificates under OAC §210:1-5-6 for willful violation of state law.

Formal Request for Action

We respectfully urge you to take a clear, public stand against these organized protests and ensure our schools remain focused on education rather than activism. Specifically, we request that you:

- Investigate reports of teachers who promoted or facilitated these walkouts.
- Enforce strict disciplinary actions, including certificate revocation where violations are confirmed.
- Provide a summary of these investigations, including the number of educators reviewed and the resulting disciplinary outcomes.

With the special emphasis on improving educational outcomes in the legislature this year, we are asking for a response on any action you can take, and we invite you to collaborate with us and let us know how we may assist you in addressing this issue. Schools must remain spaces of orderly learning where students are taught to exercise their rights responsibly—within the law and with parental oversight. We look forward to your written response outlining the specific steps you intend to take to address these concerns and uphold state standards.

Respectfully,


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