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## **Walters Announces End of Partnerships with Anti-Parent and Union-Led Groups**

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters has announced the streamlining of the delivery of services and information to districts by ending association with any organization that pushes a woke agenda, supports indoctrination, opposes parental empowerment, and provides duplicative services within Oklahoma’s education system including the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA), the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA), and the Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC). These organizations work in tandem with national extremist groups that seek to undermine parents, force failed policies into the schools, and work against a quality education in Oklahoma.

“For years, these groups have pushed an anti-parent, woke agenda. They have actively attacked parents and they seek to keep kids in failed situations. That ends now,” said Walters. “Districts and school boards should not have to purchase memberships to external organizations to receive the professional development and training they need to run successful schools.”

OSDE will review the relationship with OSSBA and the informal agreements with CCOSA and OPSRC, and these agreements are unlikely to be renewed. These “middlemen” organizations often replicate services, like professional development and school support, already provided by OSDE. Moving forward, OSDE will function as more of a “one-stop shop” to provide training, development, and services in ways that maximize efficiencies for taxpayers while providing high-quality resources for our schools. OSDE will also be reviewing any other ongoing partnerships with groups and organizations that have questionable content and practices that don’t align with what is best for Oklahoma’s students.

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