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### **Walters Rolls Out Most Innovative Education Budget in State's History**

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters testified about the most innovative education budget plan in state history before the Oklahoma House of Representatives today. Superintendent Walters' comprehensive budget champions a return to a Back to Basics approach while integrating forward-thinking strategies to elevate student academic achievement.

"Investing in education isn't just about numbers on a balance sheet; it's about shaping the future of our state. I am committed to laying a robust foundation for tomorrow's leaders, ensuring that every child has a quality education, and empowering educators to inspire greatness. It's a blueprint for Oklahoma education and a testament to our unwavering belief in cultivating an environment for students to thrive," said Walters.

Superintendent Walters' education budget focuses on getting **Back to Basics**, prioritizes the recruitment and retention of the most qualified educators, and improves student outcomes through high-dosage tutoring. Walters' education budget builds upon the foundation laid by the Legislature, amplifying the positive strides already made.

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