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Walters Announces Record Turnaround of Failing Schools

Oklahoma City, Okla – State Superintendent Ryan Walters announced today that 117 out of 191 schools showed enough improvement this year to no longer be designated Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Sites, a federal designation which closely corresponds to the State Report Card “F List.” In last year’s cohort, only 32 schools achieved this distinction.

“I promised Oklahoma families that we would get our students back to basics and back on track,” said Walters. “I am thrilled to announce today that our efforts are beginning to bear fruit. Within our Department, we have instituted new collaborative partnerships focused solely on assisting schools with programs targeted specifically at increasing student outcomes while helping schools target their available budgets to get the maximum return on investment for our students.

Each one of these 117 schools has shown remarkable progress and is showing the nation that Oklahoma is leading in education reform and improvements in student achievement, and several of our schools have shown tremendous gains in the past year. This is hard evidence that our focus on the academic basics, rather than being sidetracked by political indoctrination, is the best path to student success in our state.”

Attachments:

Memo – Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools Meet Exit Criteria
Office of School Support – Sites Meeting Exit Criteria

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