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## Walters Condemns Hamas War Against Israel

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters has released the following statement:

"Oklahomans are horrified at the atrocities perpetrated against the Israeli people by Iranbacked Hamas. Make no mistake: Oklahoma stands with our ally, Israel, and against these senseless acts of violence. As a sovereign and indissoluble nation, Israel's right to self-defense is absolute. I call on the Biden Administration to act swiftly to ensure Israel has the military resources it needs to confront this shocking act of mass terrorism. Under President Trump, Israel could rest assured that the United States had its back, but under the Biden Administration, the US arms Israel's enemies.

We are taking a fresh look at standards to ensure Oklahoma schools do not teach terrorism as a legitimate means to political ends. I hope all Oklahomans will join me in prayer for the people of Israel that peace and security will soon return to their land."

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