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Walters Introduces Sweeping Classroom Discipline Reform ***New Program Will Empower Teachers and Parents***

Oklahoma City, Okla – State Superintendent Ryan Walters announced Comprehensive Discipline Reform for Oklahoma schools today. Walters’ plan implements needed reform that empowers teachers’ and parents’ rights to hold students accountable, creating stronger education standards in Oklahoma’s classrooms.

“I hear from parents and teachers throughout our state that our classrooms are difficult to manage effectively, causing breakdowns in discipline which ultimately drive down student achievement,” said Walters. “We are empowering teachers to effectively manage their classrooms while helping keep parents informed about classroom discipline. “

OSDE has uncovered hundreds of school districts that have not been reporting their discipline policies for review and are taking steps today to ensure full and comprehensive accountability in our schools.

The Discipline Reform Plan incorporates a Teacher’s Bill of Rights, district responsibilities, online tools to track issues and inform parents, enforcement of current statutes, and proposed legislative reforms.

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