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STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

**September 30, 2025**

Dear Governor Stitt, Pro Tem Paxton, and Speaker Hilbert,

After much thought and prayer, I have decided that at the end of today, September 30, 2025, I will step down from my position as Oklahoma's State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Serving in elected office is one of the highest honors any citizen can be entrusted with, and I will always be grateful to the people of Oklahoma for granting me that responsibility. From the beginning, my mission was clear: restore parental rights, strengthen accountability, and ensure every Oklahoma child has the opportunity to succeed.

Together, we advanced reforms many believed could never be achieved. We returned decision-making power to parents. We demanded transparency in our schools. We expanded choice and opportunity so families, not bureaucrats, could shape the future of their children. We raised expectations in our classrooms and defended Oklahoma values against agendas that distracted from learning. These accomplishments belong not only to me, but to the parents, teachers, students, and legislators who stood firm in the belief that Oklahoma can lead the way.

While I am leaving this office today, I am not leaving the fight. The challenges before us remain significant, but the opportunities are even greater. My commitment to serve this state and its people is as strong as ever, and I will continue to seek ways to advance the principles of freedom, accountability, and excellence in the days ahead.

I want to thank the people of Oklahoma for their trust, the educators and families who worked tirelessly for our students, and my family for their steadfast support. I leave this position with gratitude, optimism, and confidence that Oklahoma's best days are still to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Walters".

Ryan Walters  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction