



The PLAC is a nonpartisan group with the goal of increasing parent and community awareness about legislative issues impacting public education in Oklahoma. Our focus is less testing, more funding.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- Class sizes are increasing due to lack of funds and lack of teachers to fill positions.
- Oklahoma schools have almost 41,000 more students and \$224 million less revenue than they did in 2008. (This is the 2015 number.)
- Oklahoma has cut per pupil funding by a higher percentage than any other state in the nation.
- Oklahoma is facing a critical teacher shortage and our teacher pay ranks 49th in the nation making it very difficult to attract quality teachers into the field.
- Oklahoma students lose almost a month in instruction time in test preparation and administration.
- High stakes tests are putting unnecessary stress on our children. We are producing stressed-out test takers instead of creative happy smart children!

Why Do Parents Need To Be Engaged?

- Legislators haven't been listening to the education professionals.
- Legislators are often heavily courted by outside coalitions/foundations and for-profit companies to shape policy for their benefit not necessarily our local schools.
- Legislators see parents as an important constituency -it's time we take advantage of that to hold them accountable for education issues.



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PLAC Legislative Goals

School Funding:

- Support the funding of enacted education reforms or eliminate them.
- Support designating additional funds to the school funding formula.

Teacher Shortage:

- Support a plan that will help address and alleviate the teacher shortage

Testing & Accountability:

- Reduce the number of standardized tests our students take, returning dollars and instruction time to the classroom.
- Ensure the consistent measure of accountability for all schools receiving taxpayer funds.

Contact emails for Legislators/Leaders in Oklahoma 2015-2016

Even if you can't come to a meeting, the most important item you can do is to contact your legislators along with the ones below and let them know you want funding restored to at least the 2008 level! We continue to be told by legislators they value our opinion. Hold them accountable in your correspondence – will you support an increase in funding for K-12 education – yes or no. I would also encourage you to invite your senator/representatives to our meetings as our goal is to work together to determine what is best for our state and our stakeholders which includes us, parents and patrons of K-12 public education.

Contact the Governor by going to this link:

https://www.ok.gov/triton/modules/formbuilder/form.php?form_id=0d5f27f90f279a5b64535ec11836feaa07db37cbb20807e960b2c0aa58b9f358

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