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Tulsa Area PLAC: Meeting Notice

Tulsa Public Schools
Thursday, March 1st at 5:00pm

Education Service Center, Selman Room
 3027 S. New Haven

Join us as we discuss current education legislation and the issues that are important to all supporters of our public schools in Oklahoma.



Tulsa Area PLAC is a nonpartisan group with the goal of increasing parent and patron awareness regarding legislation which impacts public education in Oklahoma.

TESTING AND STANDARDS

- **Support** reducing the number of high-stakes tests our children take.
- **Support** the Education and Quality Accountability Board (established by law in June of 2009) in carrying out their mandated responsibilities regarding state testing, setting cut scores, and oversight of testing contracts.
- **Support** an alternative to ACE requirements for those Oklahoma students in the class of 2012 and 2013 who have completed and passed their coursework, but will not received a high school diploma.

'SCHOOL CHOICE' AND VOUCHERS

POSITION STATEMENT: Taxpayer dollars collected and appropriated for public education is for those schools charged with the responsibility of educating every student who walks through the door. "School choice" cannot be at the expense of public education in Oklahoma.

- **Oppose** "school choice" in the absence of a level playing field. Require the same level of accountability, flexibility, and state mandates for all schools receiving tax-payer funds.

LOCAL CONTROL

- **Support** the process of parents, teachers, administrators and local school boards working together to address the educational needs of their students.
- **Oppose** legislation which provides one formula/ solution as an appropriate measure for the unique needs of each of the 500+ school districts in Oklahoma and their students.
- **Support** education legislation which is based on the numerous examples of local education successes we have in Oklahoma.

SCHOOL FINANCE AND BUDGET

- **Oppose** unfunded and underfunded state mandates as they negatively impact the classroom.
- **Support** a 50% majority needed to pass a school bond, as with other government entity bond votes.
- **Support** protecting the ad valorem tax base, and eliminate frivolous tax cuts which reduce revenue for our state.
- **Support** legislation to fully fund FBA and honor the financial commitment we made to our Nationally Certified Board Teachers.