

# TOGETHER WE CAN DO BETTER, VERDIGRIS

Oklahoma children face teacher shortages, overcrowded classes and outdated textbooks every day in school. But every day, we are asking them to do more — learn more and test better — even as we deny them the funding and support they need. We can't fix our education problems by starving Oklahoma schools. A sensible solution to funding Oklahoma schools can be found right under our feet. Eliminating unnecessary tax breaks for horizontal drilling could pump \$252 million extra dollars into our state this year alone. State leaders must consider all funding options for our schools because investing in education today will mean a quality workforce and improved incomes for our families tomorrow.

THE TAX BREAK FOR HORIZONTAL DRILLING HAS INCREASED BY:

↑ \$216 MILLION



\$36M  
2008

\$252M  
2014

WHILE SCHOOL AID FUNDING HAS BEEN SLASHED BY:

↓ \$213 MILLION



\$2,050M  
2008

\$1,837M  
2014

BY ELIMINATING THIS UNNECESSARY TAX BREAK, ANNUAL EDUCATION FUNDING IN VERDIGRIS COULD INCREASE BY:

↑ \$140 PER PUPIL



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↑ \$172,300 TOTAL



Source: Oklahoma Policy Institute

TELL OKLAHOMA ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT OUR SCHOOLS NEED MORE FUNDING AND ENDING WASTEFUL TAX BREAKS IS THE SMARTEST SOLUTION.

Call your elected officials today and tell them it's time to tax horizontal drilling fairly.

- Reach your State Representative at (405) 521-2711 or (800) 522-8502
- Reach your State Senator at (405) 524-0126 or (800) 865-6490

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