

# TOGETHER WE CAN DO BETTER, CHECOTAH

Oklahoma children face teacher shortages, overcrowded classes and outdated textbooks every day in school.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.

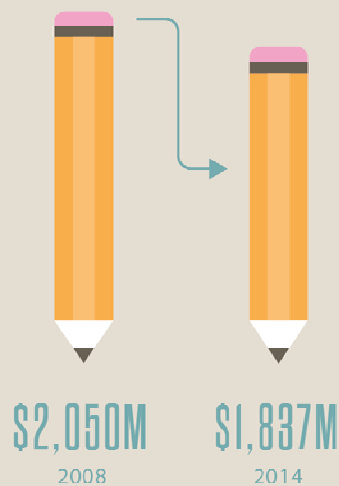
THE TAX BREAK FOR HORIZONTAL  
DRILLING HAS INCREASED BY:

↑ \$216 MILLION



WHILE SCHOOL AID FUNDING  
HAS BEEN SLASHED BY:

↓ \$213 MILLION



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

↑ \$450 PER PUPIL



↑ \$703,897 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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