



Priorities for Oklahoma

RESTORE EDUCATION FUNDING

“ I am reminded of an old cattleman saying: ‘You can’t starve a dollar out of a cow.’ ... Starving education through lack of funding to force change in hopes of better performance will not work and is not working.”

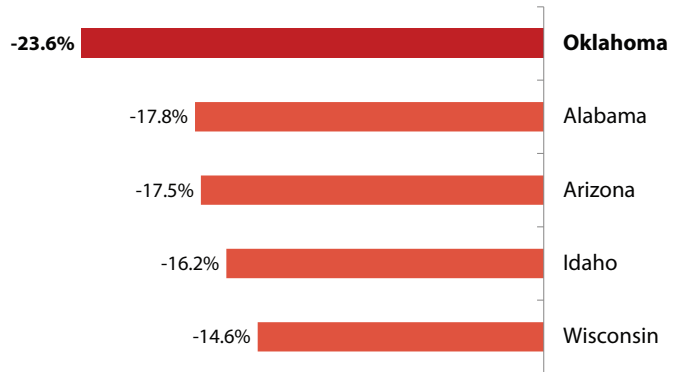
-Retired Tulsa Public Schools police chief Gary Rudick

Oklahoma has made the largest cuts to school funding in the nation.

- Oklahoma schools are struggling with a serious teacher shortage, and many of our most talented educators are leaving for other professions or surrounding states where they can get much better pay.
- Lawmakers have imposed stringent new testing and accountability mandates without new funding. Numerous unfunded mandates are draining time and resources from the classroom.

Five Worst K-12 School Funding Cuts Since 2008

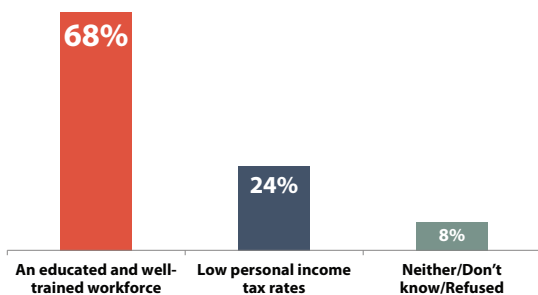
Percent change in spending per student, inflation adjusted, FY08 to FY15



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Oklahomans Agree...

Which of the following do you think is more important to attract businesses to locate and invest in Oklahoma?



With few exceptions, the states where workers earn the highest wages are the states with the most educated citizens. Oklahoma should step up investment in its education system, for our children and our economic future.

What You Can Do:



- Contact Lawmakers
- Engage Your Community
- Join the Grassroots Movement

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