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Walters Lauds Holiday Break Tutoring Program

Oklahoma City, Okla – State Superintendent Ryan Walters praised the success of a tutoring program aimed at helping at-risk students with literacy support during the Christmas holiday break.

"I am thrilled that our holiday tutoring program was such a tremendous success," said Walters. "With programs like this, we are leading the nation with innovative and engaging ways to reach our at-risk students. Starting next month, we will be rolling out an even more expansive tutoring program to do everything possible to get our students **Back to Basics** and reading on grade level."

Eight districts (Epic, Lexington, Norman, OKCPS, Oklahoma Union, Tulsa Public Schools, Western Heights, and Woodall) at 65 pre-k through middle school sites participated in the program, reaching nearly 1,000 Pre-K - 8th grade students.

Additional background:

News on 6 - <u>TPS Holds Winter Break Tutoring as Part of State Education Grant</u>
Tulsa World – <u>Students are Reading on Winter Break</u>

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