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Walters Statement on Oklahoma Supreme Court Ruling on School Libraries

Oklahoma City, Okla – State Superintendent Ryan Walters has issued the following statement responding to the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s today’s ruling on school libraries:

“Although we are disappointed the Court issued this decision, it was made on very narrow grounds. The Court did not sign on to any of the claims made by the districts that would have affected the State Board of Education’s broad authority over school districts or the Governor's ability to approve our administrative rules.

My message to Oklahoma parents is clear: we will get porn out of schools. We will not allow a woke mob to dictate what our kids are exposed to. The legislature must act and reign out of control access to pornography in schools that our kids are exposed to.

Ambiguity and indecision are never acceptable. I will be exploring all available tools to act.”

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