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Fall Conference September 4-6, 2013

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Steve Gilliland presents



A member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, **Steve Gilliland** is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized by his peers as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily alongside Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Cosby on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA and Blue Collar Radio. As one newspaper stated, "Steve is what happens when the humor of Ron White collides with the inspiration of Zig Ziglar."

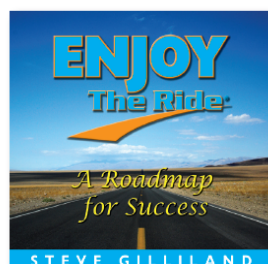
In addition to his brilliant speaking career, Steve is an accomplished author, which is supported by his bestselling book *Enjoy The Ride™* being on the publisher's best-seller list for seven consecutive years and being named Author of the Year in 2010. He was also recognized by Who's Who for Speakers and Business Professionals.

He built a multimillion-dollar company from the ground up on the same philosophy he expounds to his audiences: If you continually learn more about your company, your industry, your customer and yourself, you will always

be a leader. You will be purpose-driven rather than process-driven, and you will make a difference.

Steve speaks to more than 250,000 people a year and influences the lives of millions through his keynote speeches, books, CDs and DVDs.

So fasten your seat belt and hold on tight as one of North America's most entertaining and motivational speakers presents his renowned ENJOY THE RIDE™ presentation. Through side-splitting humor and reality-tested techniques, Steve Gilliland will reveal the way to face conflicting demands in an unforgiving world. This speech is straightforward, clear and easy to grasp—yet extremely profound. You will be talking about this keynote long after you hear it!



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Check out our *website* at www.okasbo.org. You should find it more user friendly. You can pre-register, update your info, download scholarship applications and certification applications. Check it out today.
Thanks!

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President's Message

by Cindy Shiever

"The desire to make a difference defines your level of success!"
Steve Gilliland

It is June once again. Where does the time go? It seems like yesterday we were closing out a school year and starting another. It is that time of year when outside the school business people ask "what do you do when the kids go home?" We just want to tell them "Oh, we prop up our feet and eat Bon Bon's!!" Uhg!!! Little do they know this is the busiest time of year in school business. We are ending a year and starting a year all at the same time. With 56 schools (including a career tech center) being hit recently by the devastating tornado's that plagued Oklahoma, it will be an extra busy short summer for those affected. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those whose lives were changed by the recent weather events.

It is my honor to serve as your President of the Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials this coming year. I look forward in the coming months to doing my part to support the mission of providing professional development, promoting best practices, strategies, creating professional collaboration, and networking opportunities. This is your organization; the journey through leadership in school business management is one we can take together welcoming your ideas for strengthening both the association and the profession. Schools face some challenging times ahead and we have to work together. By working together we will persevere!

The Executive Director and the Board of Directors share a vision for OkASBO, and that is to be the training academy for school business officials. Beginning in the fall of 2012, OkASBO formed a partnership with CCOSA in providing quality professional development training based on the needs of our member districts and the tools necessary to do the job to the best of our ability with the networking resources through this partnership. The main focus of OkASBO is directed at the front office finance and business staff, along with CCOSA's focus on comprehensive administrative training.

We have a new website available where each member will be responsible for updating their own profiles so we can have access to real time information on each member. We will be using the profile information to send out email blasts for upcoming workshops, conferences, legislative information, resources, etc. Watch for the dates of the upcoming workshops, later this fall.

I want to thank the out going president, Tom Linihan for his leadership and dedication this past year, I will quite literally have some big shoes to fill! Also, a thank you to Bill Denton, outgoing director, for completing his seven years of commitment and service on the OkASBO Board. Board member, Penny Haynes retired as Superintendent of Allen Bowden in June. We thank her for her time and dedication to OkASBO and wish her the best in her retirement!

Our tirelessly working executive director, Ann Wade is busy setting up the Fall Conference. The conference, set for September 4-6, 2013 will have a new location, the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel/Reed Conference Center. It is a wonderful facility and we look forward to a successful conference with, keynote speaker, Steve Gilliland, who is back by popular demand! He is a must hear! Mr. Gilliland reveals the way to face conflicting demands in an unforgiving business environment that keeps getting tougher! Watch the website for agenda and registration information. I look forward to seeing you in September!

Shortly after the Fall Conference is the International Association of School Business Officials on October 25-28, 2013, in Boston, MA. The International ASBO Conference has exceptional general session speakers, breakout sessions that provides great resources and best practices in all facets of school business, on a national/international scale. The conference offers for numerous networking opportunities not to mention a good time! Hope to see you there!



President's Message- Continued

As you know, our very own Brenda Burkett is currently serving on the International ASBO Board of Directors and has had a very busy year campaigning for the office of International Vice President. The election is this September! If you are not already a member, I encourage you to become a member of International ASBO so you can vote this coming September for Brenda. She has over 20 years experience in school business, and is very active in our state association serving as president in 2008-09. Brenda would be a strong vice president and outstanding ambassador and represent Oklahoma well as Vice President of International ASBO. You must be an International ASBO member to vote, and remember that the voting is done online. Being an nt OkASBO by voting for Brenda.

International ASBO member provides many benefits including connecting school business officials to publications, online resources, and professional development opportunities, expanding their knowledge base to make effective decisions. International membership also allows us to represent OkASBO by voting for Brenda.

I read an article in the CCOSA Better Schools magazine from Angie Drew, OMLEA President Elect, Principal of McCloud MS titled "Focus on the Flowers, not the Weeds", in which she speaks about the "life in the day of a school" and the many demands it requires. She says "we must focus on the flowers and not the weeds". This is so true; we get caught up in the weeds caused by the demands of the job, the legislature, the State Department, the Board of Education, the patrons, and forget to search for the positive moments, the flowers, within the school day!

I wish you a successful 2014 school year of enjoying the flowers!

Cindy Shiever

NEW CONFERENCE LOCATION

Sheraton Midwest City Hotel/Reed Conference Center
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September 4 - EC&T Workshop

Breakout sessions.....Separate Rooms!

The cost for the Encumbrance Clerk and Treasurer Workshop is \$75 if you are a member and \$150 if you are a non-member. We will begin our conference with general session presentations on "Who, What & How to complete CFDA/Schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards", "Top 10 List of Contract Problems" and "The School District Budget Act vs. The Estimate of Needs". After the provided lunch, the afternoon will be spent in breakout type sessions where you can choose to attend three of the five topics presented. Each session last 55 minutes and you can change rooms for a different topic and continue with the process until 4:00 p.m. when certificates will be distributed.

The topics this fall are "OCAS Updates and/or Examples", a panel for "Roles & Responsibilities for Encumbrance Clerks" and "Roles & Responsibilities for Treasurers", "Personnel Reporting" and "Federal Programs"

OkASBO has put together quality instructional programs for you that satisfies all of the requirements of the law and will provide you with meaningful, enjoyable information. When you complete the training you will receive a certificate denoting the hours you have completed.

Register now and guarantee your spot. Do it now!

NEW Registration procedures are: Rate: \$81 Cut- off Date: August 30, 2013 Be sure to mention: OkASBO Conference

- Attendees can use the link below to make their reservation, securing the guestroom with a credit card and then fax/email a copy of the PO (Please put confirmation number(s) and name(s) on the PO) once they receive the PO. The credit card will only be held for incidentals. Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser) <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1306039677&key=E647A>

OR

- Once the attendees receive their POs they can contact Matt Ramsey at 405-455-1801 to make their reservation and then fax/email a copy of the PO Attn: Matt Ramsey.

All POs can either be emailed to mramsey@reedcenter.com or faxed attention Matt Ramsey to 405-736-0973 - Make sure to put the Name(s) of the attendees, the Conference name (OKASBO) and confirmation on the POs.



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Sept. 4th - Encumbrance/Treasurer Workshops

September 4, 2013

*Reed Conference Center
Midwest City, Oklahoma*

This Pre-Conference day can be used to meet the training requirements for Encumbrance Clerks and Treasurers or to simply gain additional knowledge to perform your school job. You can receive 6 hours for the complete day.

8:00 - **Registration - Reed Center Lobby**
Refreshments
Sponsor: Horace Mann

9:00 - **Reed CD Rooms**
Welcome/Introductions/Overview
Ann Wade, Executive Director
Oklahoma ASBO

9:05 - **Who, What & How to Complete CFDA
"Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards"**
Jeff Hewett, CPA
Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewitt, CPA's, LLC

9:50 - **Refreshment Break**
Sponsor: OSIG

10:05- **Top 10 List of Contract Problems**
David, Young, CPPS, Director of Purchasing
Union Schools

11:05 - **The School District Budget Act vs. the
Estimate of Needs**
Bruce Campbell, Asst. Supt.,
Francis Tuttle Technology Center

12:00- **Lunch Provided**

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Breakout Sessions

1:00 – 4:00– Breakout sessions begin at 1:00 p.m., and registrants may attend any session. Each session is scheduled for 55-minutes. Registrants may then change to another sessions. Three rotations are scheduled.

Joyner Room - **OCAS Changes/Examples**

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director
Financial Accounting/OCAS/Auditing-SDE

Reed A Room - **Roles & Responsibilities for Encumbrance Clerks**

Panel: Sara Frye, Director of Finance
Bowlegs Schools
Kelly Shannon, CFO
Ardmore Schools
Marilyn Vann, Accounting Coordinator
Norman Schools

Reed E Room - **Roles & Responsibilities for Treasurers**

Panel: Donna Dollahon, Treasurer
Broken Arrow Schools
Pam Buckminster, Treasurer
Enid Schools
Patricia Smith, Business Administrator
Pocola Schools

Maynard Room - **Personnel Reporting**

Tammy Hall, Coordinator
School Personnel Records/SDE

Reed F Room - **Federal Programs**

Trudy Green, Education Consultant

2:00 - 4:00 Beverage Cart
Sponsor: Focus Financial Advisors

4:00 – **Summary & Certificate Presentation**
Ann Wade, Executive Secretary
Oklahoma ASBO

✓ Sessions marked by the check mark on **Thursday** and **Friday** are approved for additional continuing education requirements for EC&T's.

To receive the credit, you are required to register online for the sessions you plan to attend and complete the "Attendance Register" form, (email address and signature required) located in each session room at the conference. A certificate will be emailed to you.

September 5-6, Tentative Spring Program

Thursday, September 5, 2013
Reed Conference Center
Midwest City, OK

- 8:00 **Registration - Reed Center Lobby**
Continental Breakfast
Sponsor(s): Barlow Education Services
Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group
MAS, Inc.
- 8:30 **First General Session - Exhibit Hall**
Cindy Shiever, OkASBO President
Business Office Manager, Enid Schools
- 8:35 **Presentation of Colors/Opening Entertainment**
Enid High School ROTC
Enid High School Choir
- 8:55 **President's Remarks**
Cindy Shiever, OkASBO President
Business Office Manager, Enid Schools
- 9:00 **Health Care Reform**
Susan Relland, JD, American Fidelity Assurance Co.
- 10:00 - 12:00 **Enjoy The Ride**
Steve Gilliland, Keynote Speaker
Sponsor: Oklahoma School Assurance Group
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Refreshment break**
Sponsor: Oklahoma School Assurance Group
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Luncheon - Reed CD Room**

Sponsor: American Fidelity Assurance Company

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Special Presentations

Breakout Sessions

1:00 – 4:00 Breakout sessions begin at 1:00 p.m., and registrants may attend any session. Each session is scheduled for 45-minutes. Registrants may then change to another session. Three rotations are scheduled.

1:00 - 1:45 **Breakout Session A**

- √ **Exhibit Hall - OCAS Changes /Examples**
Presenter: Nancy Hughes, Executive Director of
Financial Accounting/OCAS/Audits—SDE
Moderator: Sara Frye, OkASBO Board Director
Director of Finance, Bowlegs Schools

Thursday, September 5, 2013

- Theater Room - SFO Certification**
Presenter: Brenda Burkett, CPA, SFO,
ASBO International Board Director
CFO, Norman Schools
Moderator: Beth Buchanan, OkASBO Vice President
CFO, Meridian Technology Center
- √ **Reed AB Room - “(b) Prepared Tips and Tools for Surviving an IRS 403(b) Plan Audit**
Presenter(s): Mark W. Heisher and
Suzanne Baldino Jones
Principals of ADMIN Partners, LLC
Moderator: Stacey Butterfield, OkASBO President Elect
Superintendent, Jenks Schools
- √ **Reed EF Room - Federal Programs Management**
Presenter: Trudy Green, Education Consultant
Moderator: Kevin Hime, OkASBO Board Director,
Superintendent, Clinton Schools
- √ **Joyner Room - The Benefits of Outsourcing Support Services**
Presenter: Paul R. Ferguson, Marketing Manager
Compass Group, Support Services
Moderator: Tom Linihan, OkASBO Past President
Superintendent, Adair Schools

2:00 - 2:45 **Breakout Session B**

- √ **Exhibit Hall - OCAS Changes/Examples**
Presenter: Nancy Hughes, Executive Director,
Financial Accounting/OCAS/Audits—SDE
Moderator: Cody Way, OkASBO Finance Committee Chair
CFO, Jenks Schools
- Theater Room - OkASBO Website Tour**
Presenter: Tiffany Haag, Website Guru
Moderator: Marilyn Vann, OkASBO Human Resources
Committee Chair
Accounting Coordinator, Norman Schools
- √ **Reed AB Room - “(b) Prepared Tips and Tools for Surviving an IRS 403(b) Plan Audit**
Presenter(s): Mark W. Heisher and
Suzanne Baldino Jones
Principals of ADMIN Partners, LLC
Moderator: Roger Adair, OkASBO Committee Chair
Director of Finance, Moore Norman Technology Center
- √ **Reed EF Room - Federal Programs Management**
Presenter: Trudy Green, Education Consultant
Moderator: Diane Adamson, OkASBO Committee
Member, Director of Finance, Tahlequah Schools

September 5-6, Tentative Spring Program

Thursday, September 5, 2013

Reed Conference Center
Midwest City, OK

2:00 - 2:45 Breakout Session B

√ **Joyner Room - The Benefits of Outsourcing Support Services**

Presenter: Paul R. Ferguson, Marketing Manager
Compass Group, Support Services

Moderator: Dennis Schulz, OkASBO Finance Committee
Assistant Superintendent, Guthrie Schools

3:00 - 3:45 Breakout Session C

√ **Exhibit Hall - OCAS Changes /Examples**

Presenter: Nancy Hughes, Executive Director of
Financial Accounting/OCAS/Audits—SDE

Moderator: Brenda Burkett, OkASBO Professional
Development Committee Chair
CFO, Norman Schools

Theater Room - OkASBO Website Tour

Presenter: Tiffany Haag, Website Guru
ASBO International Board Director
CFO, Norman Schools

Moderator: Bill Casey, OkASBO Information Systems
Committee,
Director of Technology, Jenks Schools

√ **Reed AB Room - “(b) Prepared Tips and Tools for Surviving an IRS 403(b) Plan Audit**

Presenter(s): Mark W. Heisher and

Suzanne Baldino Jones

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Moderator: Sara Frye, OkASBO Board Director
Director of Finance, Bowlegs Schools

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Presenter: Trudy Green, Education Consultant

Moderator: Tom Linihan, OkASBO Past President
Superintendent, Adair Schools

√ **Joyner Room - The Benefits of Outsourcing Support Services**

Presenter: Paul R. Ferguson, Marketing Manager
Compass Group, Support Services

Moderator: Kevin Hime, OkASBO Board Director
Superintendent, Clinton Schools

4:00 - 5:00 Visit Vendor Showcase

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Exhibitor Prizes

Time to speak to your vendor and have all your questions answered

Thursday, September 5, 2013

5:00—9:00 OPENING NIGHT MIXER - Reed CD Room

5:00—6:00

Dinner

All members are invited

6:00—7:30

The # 1 Stage Hypnotist in Oklahoma (He's back & ready...are you?)

Dr. Don White

7:30— 9:00

Music with Jerry Putnam & Band

Please join us for a night filled of laughter, good food, great prizes and music for all ages! **Don't miss out!**

Friday, September 6, 2013

Reed Conference Center

Midwest City, OK

8:00

Registration - Reed Center Lobby

Continental Breakfast

Sponsor(s): Horace Mann

Focus Financial Specialist

8:30

Second General Session:- Exhibit Hall

Moderator: Stacey Butterfield, OkASBO President-Elect
Superintendent, Jenks Schools

√ 8:35-9:15

OMES Updates

Presenter: Frank Wilson, Administrator

√ 9:15-10:00

Teacher Retirement Updates

Presenter: Josh Richardson, Internal Auditor

√ 10:00—10:45 **How to Communicate with your Legislators**

Panel: Tim Green, Education Consultant

Donna Campo, Superintendent, Liberty Schools

Bill Denton, Superintendent, Yukon Schools

Moderator: Steve Shiever, OkASBO Education Liaison

10:45—11:00

Refreshment Break

Sponsor(s): Horace Mann

11:00— 11:45

Legislative Panel

Panel: Patrick McGregor, Dept. of Career Tech. Educ.

Stephanie Mather, Attorney, OSSBA

Ryan Owens, General Council, CCOSA

Moderator: Steve Shiever, OkASBO Educ. Liaison

12:15 – 12:30

Business Meeting

Presenter: Ann Wade, Executive Director

12:30

Announcements

Door Prizes

Adjourn

12:45 - 2:45

OkASBO Board Meeting

September 5-6, Tentative Spring Program

Back by popular demand- Dr. Don White Oklahoma's #1 Hypnotist

This is entertainment at its best. Dr. White simply acts as the facilitator. See your friends and associates become famous celebrities, , super-heroes, or unable to perform the simplest tasks.

They hear, see and feel things that aren't there...all this fun while receiving the equivalent of a full night's sleep...IMAGINE!! .

Don White is truly a master of his craft. A former educator and therapist, he identifies with and relates to his audiences from the moment he takes the stage. Be a Star and volunteer to participate or come and enjoy the performance... You'll be glad you did!



MUSIC IN THE AIR with JERRY, ROBIN AND BAND



If you love good music you don't want to miss this event. They can play and sing most every type of music. You have the opportunity to request a song, dance, sing along or just relax and listen to great tunes.

Jerry has performed on keyboards with several national acts including the Coasters, the Drifters, the Marvellettes and the Platters. Today his talents are also used to create and develop the music that accompanies the vocals and guitars of Robin and Jerry.

An Oklahoma favorite, Robin Brooks Sullivan takes listeners to new and diverse levels with tunes of bluesy rock, peppered with a little funk, to jazz standards to contemporary pop.



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Associate Member Scholarship Recipient Chosen

Jamie Morris, Benefits Specialist, Muskogee Public Schools is awarded the Associate Member Scholarship.

Jamie has been an OkASBO member for 8 years. She has worked for Muskogee Schools for 21 years. In her own words “ My position as the Benefits Specialist is a rewarding position and it changes yearly. These changes require that I stay well informed on state and federal laws as well as our district policies and negotiated agreements. I maintain that knowledge by attending meetings and trainings. I have discovered that networking with other school employees in my field is a valuable asset. That is why I attend OkASBO and the School Business trainings.

This particular year one of the biggest challenges we face is the Health Care Reform laws. I am trying to obtain all the knowledge I can possible gather at every venue offered. I have learned through my attending in April there will be presentations regarding the new HealthCare reform laws at ASBO International. I feel that if I am awarded a scholarship to attend this conference it will allow me to learn many new things regarding procedures and consequences for this major undertaking we are all facing. The laws have many unanswered questions that have come to light especially for school districts. With that being said, ASBO International will be a great place for me to gain that knowledge and receive clarification of such and bring it back to my district.

I want to be an advocate not only for my employer but for the employees as well. I believe that you should always have the best interest of all parties involved in whatever decision that is made. Whenever I meet with an employee to enroll or change benefits or when I meet with an Administrator to discuss policy and procedures, I always keep that in mind. I do not want to assist either employee or employer with a decision that I do not feel I am qualified to help them make. This is why I continue my quest for information. ASBO International will help me to fulfill that need.

I know that all schools feel the budget crunch and many times professional development is sacrificed. This is especially true for support personnel. If awarded the scholarship, you will enable me to continue my duties at a higher level of expertise which will benefit my district and all employees and ease the financial burden of my district.

Congratulations Jamie!

OSAG GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual OSAG Golf Tournament for 2013 will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at Silverhorn Golf Course in Oklahoma City, with a tee time beginning at 9:00 a.m. Invitations will be mailed to all OSAG member school districts near the first part of August 2013, with registration required. This is a scramble tournament, being held in honor of OSAG's founding director, Mr. Eugene Keith. All proceeds, including entry fees and donations, will be placed in the Gene Keith Scholarship Fund to be awarded as a \$4,000 annual scholarship to a qualifying, graduating Oklahoma senior. Please make plans to attend this fun event on September 18, 2013. Lunch and awards will be presented at the end of the tournament.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Online Voting Schedule

September 25-Oct. 5, 2013

Watch for an email from ASBO Intl stating online voting is open. Your vote may be the deciding vote for Victory.

Show her we support her 100% by getting 100% of Oklahoma ASBO Intl. members to vote! Start a phone bank, hot line, buddy system, or by email to anyone you know that is a member ASBO International. She has worked tirelessly for OkASBO! Now is our time to help. VOTE and show how we are Oklahoma strong and proud! YOU can make a difference.

Please don't forget to VOTE for Brenda Burkett, Vice President, ASBO Intl.



2013 Annual Meeting & Expo • Boston • October 25 - 28


Conference Bonus

- A shirt, sponsored by American Fidelity Assurance Company, will be provided to all attendees.

Oklahoma Breakfast


- Saturday morning (October 26th) sponsored by Stephen H. McDonald & Associates. A time to enjoy good food, discuss the daily events, promotional activities and time to network with great friends.

Please email me if you are planning to attend the conference with your arrival date and time, cell phone number, and your shirt size.



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Schedule for 2013-2014

- ✓ Superintendents' Academy Sept 11-12
- ✓ Introductory Level 1 Sept 25-26 and Jan 29-30 \$375
- ✓ Treasurers - Oct 2 \$100
- ✓ Encumbrance Clerks Oct 3 \$100
- ✓ Treasurers and Encumbrance Clerks Oct 2-3 \$195
- ✓ Intermediate Level 2 Oct 9-10 and Mar 12-13 \$345
- ✓ Advanced Level 3 Oct 23-24 and Apr 9-10 \$345
- ✓ Personnel & Payroll Nov 13-14 \$195
- ✓ Graduate Level 4 Dec 4-5 \$195
- ✓ Activity Funds Aug 7 (Tulsa) and Aug 8 (OKC) \$95
- ✓ Treasurer and Encumbrance Clerks Feb 19-20 \$195
- ✓ School Auditors Workshop June 5 \$110

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Legislative Updates

by Steve Shiever

Don't look now, but its July and the 2014 school year is off and running with the start of school just weeks away! My, time flies when you're having fun (or when you're in the school business)! And when you think your plate is full and you can't do any more, guess what, you're served a bigger plate, with more to do in the same amount of time! However, in Oklahoma we are rewarded with more money, discretionary funding, bigger budgets, higher salaries, better teaching tools, new technologies, stream lined reporting, ...!! No, no, I must be hallucinating!! What was I thinking, this is Oklahoma.

Seriously, as we have seen so many times before, the numbers do not lie. Oklahoma Schools are in a financial crisis, and to date, we still do not have accurate budget figures that reflect the impact of SQ 766.



Since 2009:

State Budget increased from \$7.089 Billion to \$7.113 Billion
Common Ed % of State Budget 35.71% to 33.84% (-1.87%)
Per/pupil Expenditure \$3,159.23 to \$2,730.28 (-\$428.95)

Official 2009-2014 Appropriation Analysis

Fiscal Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
State Budget	\$7,089,100,000	\$6,589,800,000	\$6,707,470,032	\$6,504,270,090	\$6,846,509,856	\$7,113,700,501
<u>Total Common Ed</u>	<u>\$2,531,702,553</u>	<u>\$2,572,007,202</u>	<u>\$2,378,356,186</u>	<u>\$2,399,158,382</u>	<u>\$2,333,604,082</u>	<u>\$2,407,604,082</u>
Common Ed % of State	35.71%	39.03%	35.46%	36.89%	34.08%	33.84%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$3,159.23	\$2,939.46	\$2,871.37	\$2,726.11	\$2,697.60	\$2,730.28

We must stand up for the children of Oklahoma. They deserve a quality education. They deserve access to a technology-based instruction. Educators and patrons must let our legislators know that 49th in the nation is no longer acceptable. We must address the teacher shortage in Oklahoma. We must provide incentives for our high school graduates to pursue a degree in education. We must be aware of the projected changes to our state Teacher Retirement System this coming session. We can no longer continue to erode the foundation of the educational system in Oklahoma. WE must GET INVOLVED! It is no secret, it is an election year, time to make things happen. Your vote counts! It is time to evaluate each of our elected official's commitment to "financially" support education in Oklahoma. Flush rainy day funds, capitol improvements, cultural centers, are not acceptable priorities. We MUST fund EDUCATION, our children deserve it!

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by Ann Wade

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