

THIS IS NOT 'OK'

CUTS ARE HITTING ALL ASPECTS OF
PUBLIC EDUCATION



OVER THE PAST DECADE, CUTS IN EDUCATION FUNDING HAVE BEEN SEVERE¹



WHILE K-12 ENROLLMENT
HAS GROWN BY OVER

50,000
STUDENTS



STATE GENERAL FUNDING
IS DOWN NEARLY

\$180
MILLION

ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION, OKLAHOMA'S STATE
GENERAL FUNDING OF SCHOOLS IS **DOWN**



28%

PER STUDENT COMPARED TO A DECADE AGO²

OKLAHOMA NOW SPENDS ALMOST

\$1,700

PER PUPIL LESS THAN OUR
NEIGHBORING STATES³



AFTER TEN YEARS WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN THE
SALARY SCHEDULE, OKLAHOMA TEACHERS ARE NOW

**CLOSE TO THE LOWEST
PAID IN THE NATION**

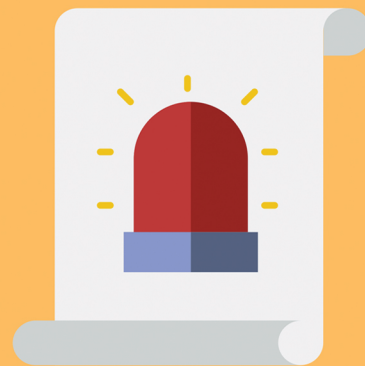
AND TEACHERS ARE LEAVING THE STATE OR
QUITTING THE PROFESSION IN DROVES⁴



THE WORSENING TEACHER SHORTAGE
HAS FORCED THE STATE TO ISSUE

1,800+

**EMERGENCY CERTIFICATIONS
ALREADY THIS YEAR⁵**

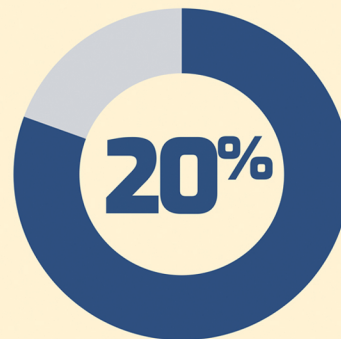


OVER 90 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE MOVED TO

**FOUR-DAY
SCHOOL WEEKS**



THAT IS EQUAL TO ABOUT



OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICTS IN THE STATE⁶

SINCE THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE HAS SEEN



ALMOST **700 FEWER TEACHERS**
IN OKLAHOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALL WHILE STUDENT ENROLLMENT HAS
GROWN BY ABOUT **15,000 STUDENTS⁷**



COMPARED TO 4 YEARS AGO, ACROSS THE STATE THERE ARE



525

FEWER WORLD
LANGUAGE CLASSES



500

FEWER FAMILY & CONSUMER
SCIENCES CLASSES



1,115

FEWER ART & MUSIC
CLASSES⁸

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