OVER THE PAST DECADE, CUTS IN EDUCATION FUNDING HAVE BEEN SEVERE.

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 ago.

Oklahoma now spends almost $1,700 per pupil less than our neighboring states.

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 droves.
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

20%

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

COMPARSED 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