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Walters: “We Won’t Stand Idly By While Atheists Try to Erase Faith”
Superintendent Walters Stands with Kids and Parents in Defending Religious Expression in Schools

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — Today, Oklahoma State Superintendent Ryan Walters and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) have filed a lawsuit against the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) for its blatant attack on the religious freedoms and Christians of Oklahoma students. The legal action comes after FFRF issued a cease-and-desist letter to an Oklahoma school for allowing a student to pray over the intercom, threatening litigation if the school did not comply with their radical agenda.

“Oklahoma will never be bullied by radical, out-of-state atheists who use intimidation and harassment against kids,” said Walters. “The Freedom From Religion Foundation has no stake in our schools, no authority over our communities, and absolutely no right to trample on the First Amendment. Their threats are nothing more than a desperate attempt to erase faith from public life, and we will fight them at every turn.”

FFRF, a Wisconsin-based group notorious for targeting Christian expression, has long used legal threats to force compliance with its extreme ideology. The OSDE’s lawsuit is the first step in holding FFRF accountable for its repeated, baseless attacks on religious expression.

This case is more than a single school. It is a broader defense of the fundamental rights of students, teachers, and families across Oklahoma. The state remains resolute in its position and will vigorously oppose any efforts to undermine religious expression in its schools.

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