



July 1, 2022

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Stitt,

In a recent article published in the Tulsa World, Discovery of Tulsa Public Schools Contract Irregularity was Announced, the Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools disclosed troubling information which is the impetus for the following request to call for a special audit of Tulsa Public Schools and the mishandling of public funds. There is significant concern and substantiating evidence that processes and state contract laws may have been violated, and that this is not a one-time situation but a pattern of operation.


Unknown to those of us who are members of the Tulsa School Board until Thursday afternoon, an internal investigation was conducted into financial losses possibly at the hands of a District employee. Without further elaboration from Superintendent Gist, we believe most of the board members are in the dark.

We understand that the State Auditor's Office may commence a special audit at the direction of the Governor, and we would like to have that happen per Oklahoma State Statute 74 O.S. 213, subsection C:

The State Auditor and Inspector shall perform a special audit on elementary, independent, and technology center school districts upon receiving a written request to do so by any of the following: the Governor, Attorney General, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, State Board of Education, or the elementary, independent, or technology center school district board of education. (74 O.S. 213, Examination of Public Institutions - Quality Control Reviews - Special Audits)

With grave concern for the public trust and the children of Tulsa Public Schools, we, the school board members of Tulsa Public Schools, humbly ask that your office make a request for a special/ forensic audit of Tulsa Public Schools by the Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector Cindy Byrd.

Sincerely,



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