



REMOVE OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF FINANCE PRESTON DOERFLINGER

Tulsa, OK: "WE THE PEOPLE OKLAHOMA" continue to push for transparency and accountability from our public officials. Recently Preston Doerflinger the Oklahoma Secretary for Finance and Revenue has come under fire for his handling of the state budget and for divisive statements he has made against other officials and citizens. His ongoing verbal insults against public officials and others are beneath the office he holds. We are calling on Governor Fallin to remove Doerflinger from his current position.

The Governor has allowed for money from the Rainy Day Fund to supplement education and corrections. Doerflinger agrees with supplementing corrections but as far as education goes he stated he was "embarrassed" to give funds to common education. Our teachers are once again being asked to do more with little help but Doerflinger is embarrassed so much by distributing money from the Rainy Day Fund that he has stated "Republicans just should put D's after their name and call it good." Those who live in this great state of Oklahoma should not be relegated to just R's and D's. In an attempt to insult his fellow Republicans he insults everyone. He also slang his insults at Superintendent Joy Hofmeister by saying it "appears it's glaringly evident we have a democrat in republicans clothes."

No matter your politics the education and safety of our children should not be relegated to rhetoric and talking points. Doerflinger is a proponent of a voucher system that many parents and teachers are strongly against. If inacted this system could cost the state upwards of 15 million dollars. We are already in a debt freefall and should not incur more debt in the millions for a system that many parents and administrators do not want. The Oklahoma State Board Association, the Oklahoma Education Association and the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration were all opposed to the voucher program. Our schools are in a financial crisis, programs are being eliminated, teachers are having to pay more for basic supplies for their students, there are discussions of shortening the school week, and increasing class sizes. This is not the time to throw insults or to advocate for a program that will put a bigger financial strain on an already stressed system, which will cost the state more money.

Doerflinger's judgement also comes into question not only based on his lackluster performance as Secretary of Finance but also his personal behavior which includes an arrest for DUI. Luckily no innocent bystander was injured in that incident.

We are calling on Governor Fallin to do what is best for the citizens of this great state by removing Preston Doerflinger from his position. We don't need insults or rhetoric. We need a Secretary of Finance who can help bring Oklahoma out of the financial crisis that we are currently in.

"We The People Oklahoma" will continue to work on behalf of the citizens of the great state of Oklahoma because when concerned citizens make their voices heard positive changes can be made.

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