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Superintendent Addresses Walkout in Protest of Educators' Certificate Suspensions

As the Superintendent of Schools, I feel it is important to address the walkout planned and organized by students in protest of the decision by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to suspend the teaching certificates of several highly respected educators.

We understand that the situation resulting in these suspensions has caused a great deal of frustration and concern within our school community. The educators affected have made a significant positive impact on our students, and it is clear that their absence is deeply felt. Our students have every right to express their opinions and to advocate for the educators who have contributed so much to their academic and personal growth. I am incredibly proud of the passion and activism of our students.

While we respect the students' right to protest, we also encourage them to engage in conversations that are respectful and productive. The matters surrounding these suspensions are complex, so everyone should remain informed, continue engaging in meaningful conversations, and utilize appropriate channels to express concerns.

As a District, our top priority is providing a safe and supportive environment. Our focus remains on supporting our school community through this challenging time.

Thank you for your continued trust in our district. Together, we will navigate this issue with the respect and dedication that defines Sperry.

Respectfully,

Brian Beagles, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools