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Dear NPS Families,

This morning, I shared a message with our staff, and I want to provide a similar update for families.

We know many of you have questions about the recent directive from State Superintendent Ryan Walters, where he has requested schools show a specific video to students and distribute it to families. Norman Public Schools will not show this video to students or send it to families. There is no authority or requirement compelling us to do so, and Mr. Walters' agency has the means to distribute it independently, if desired.

Rather, our focus remains on providing a high-quality education rooted in the Oklahoma State Standards and our locally-approved curriculum. Any changes to our curriculum would follow our well-established process in our local Board policies.

I also want to encourage you, as I did staff, to keep things in perspective during times of heightened rhetoric and public debate. While these external conversations can be distracting and overwhelming at times, remember they are just conversations. If anything factual or legal requires us to adjust our teaching and learning approaches in Norman Public Schools, I promise you'll hear about it directly from me, from district leaders and/or your child's principal. Until then, we will be focused on what matters most: teaching and caring for your children every day.

My team will continue to sort relevant and practical information from mere distractions and rhetoric. Our district remains committed to ensuring students achieve their full potential. We underscore our mission by allowing our professional public school educators to teach the state standards and locally-approved curriculum. We always keep at the forefront a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, staff and parents. One that neither promotes nor threatens personal religious beliefs. The law allowing students a daily personal minute of silence accomplishes that. We are not expecting to move beyond our clear legal guideposts.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I am proud to serve as your superintendent and represent the world-class professionals and staff in our excellent school district. I'm grateful for our incredible community of educators, families, and students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nick Migliorino
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