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Teacher Removal and Districts Under Investigation Regarding Charlie Kirk

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Oklahoma City, OK – It has been one week since the horrific political assassination of Charlie Kirk. In that time, we have seen teachers and schools across Oklahoma display vile rhetoric promoting the killing of a man who stood for free speech and debate.

Over the past week, we have received a total of 224 reports through our Awareity software on defamatory comments, 30 Awareity reports on not observing a moment of silence and 3 reports on schools who refused to fly their flag at half staff. Our OSDE teams have investigated each report and identified 70 certified teachers, from 44 districts, who have made statements regarding Charlie Kirk's murder and 12 school districts who did not participate in a moment of silence.

Superintendent Walters has made it clear that all teachers must abide by a set of standards written into the code of conduct. Any teacher posting defamatory and egregious comments will NOT be teaching in Oklahoma classrooms and any school that refused to participate in a moment of silence and/or lower their flags for Charlie Kirk is currently under investigation.

In Oklahoma, we will continue to put students before political indoctrination agendas.

You can find the Awareity reporting system here, or on our website here

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