PROPOSED RESOLUTION	
SUBJECT:	Prohibiting Expansion of School-Based Services & Health Centers
PROPOSED BY:	CANADIAN, CLEVELAND, CUSTER, GARVIN, GRADY, MAYES, MCCLAIN, OSAGE, STEPHENS & WASHINGTON COUNTIES
STATE CHAIRMAN TO SUBMIT TO:	ALL OKLAHOMA LEGISLATORS, THE GOVENOR OF OKLAHOMA & THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (and request they send to all public school boards & superintendents)

RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE EXPANSION OF OKLAHOMA K-12 SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

WHEREAS, School-based services are governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and are intended exclusively for special education students, ensuring access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE);

WHEREAS, IDEA does not authorize state legislators, the Oklahoma State Superintendent of Education, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), K-12 public schools, or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to expand school-based services beyond their legally defined scope;

WHEREAS, School-based services are strictly limited to educationally necessary related services that support classroom instruction and activities, and are not intended to include non-educational medical services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, behavioral and psychological therapy, or speech and language therapy;

WHEREAS, School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) function as primary healthcare providers on or off campus, or via telehealth, and often operate under Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), which fall outside the professional and academic scope of public education;

WHEREAS, SBHCs grant broad authority to school-based healthcare providers to conduct medical testing, administer treatment, and make medical decisions based on a one-time parental consent, without requiring parental presence at the time of treatment;

WHEREAS, Medical ethics and established healthcare practices prohibit physicians from treating minors without direct parental or guardian involvement, ensuring the prevention of power imbalances and safeguarding parental rights;

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma State Constitution does not establish a right to school-based healthcare, but explicitly defines the purpose of public schools as academic instruction, independent of sectarian control, with no provision for state-funded healthcare clinics within K-12 institutions;

WHEREAS, Oklahoma administrative code Title 210, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 (General Provisions 210:1-1-1) affirms that the primary role of public schools is academic education, reinforcing that educators derive their authority from parents and guardians, who hold the ultimate responsibility for their children's education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms that the Oklahoma State Superintendent of Education shall conduct a comprehensive compliance review of all Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) in K-12 public schools. Any IEPs containing non-educationally necessary medical services shall have those services removed and transferred to a 504 Plan where appropriate; and

RESOLVED, That the Oklahoma Republican Party strongly opposes any expansion of school-based services beyond their legally intended scope and urges state elected officials and the OSDE to reject such expansions; and

RESOLVED, That the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms that state elected officials, the OSDE, and K-12 public schools shall decline all federal funding—including but not limited to block grants—intended for the expansion of school-based services or the implementation of K-12 school-based health centers or clinics; and

RESOLVED, That the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms that the Oklahoma State Superintendent of Education shall ensure all existing contracts related to the expansion of school-based services or school-based health centers/clinics are terminated; and

RESOLVED, That the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms that the OSDE shall amend policies and administrative rules to ensure that K-12 public schools remain focused exclusively on academic instruction, not school-based healthcare. All K-12 public schools shall terminate their school-based provider status with OHCA, and OSDE shall amend the Oklahoma Special Education Policy to ensure IEPs and school-based services remain in compliance with IDEA.

PASSED at the OKGOP State Committee Meeting Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Higher Plains Baptist Church in OKC overwhelmingly on a voice vote.