Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 10:25 AM

To: Caroline Woods <caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Timely Guest re His Fox News Piece: "China is paying the piper in our public

schools"

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Good morning!

The problem with China-backed programs in schools is twofold. Ryan Walters, Oklahoma State Superintendent and former Education Secretary and teacher, wrote this Fox News opinion piece published this morning:

China is paying the piper in our public schools

Key Takeaways:

- It is an age-old adage that he who pays the piper picks the tune, and it is as obviously true in business as it is in education. Right now in my state of Oklahoma, the Chinese government is paying the piper in our public schools, and its chosen tune is propaganda aimed at Sooner State kids.
- The issue at hand are so-called "Confucius Institutes." While some apologists for the regime in Beijing have tried to explain these programs away as mere efforts to educate students about Chinese history and culture, or "professional development" for teachers, the harsh truth is that they are little more than government-funded PR operations that set up shop in American educational institutions with the purpose of warping American students' minds about Xi Jinping's repressive, anti-American regime.
- The problem with these <u>China-backed programs</u>, which began in 2004, is twofold. On the one hand, they create a platform for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to promote its propaganda under the guise of good-faith international education efforts, according to the National Association of Scholars. On the other, they have been criticized for steering student's away from "topics likely to offend the Chinese communist Party," according to the left-leaning magazine, The New

Republic. Of course, this all flows downstream from the same impulse: to coopt American institutions into doing the bidding of the CCP.

Let me know if you'd be interested in him joining the show to discuss! Thanks so much.

Caroline (Thorman) Woods

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 10:01 AM

To: Caroline Woods < <u>caroline@voughtstrategies.com</u>>

Subject: [EXT] Oklahoma Superintendent Faces Blowback for Putting Libs of TikTok Creator on Library Panel

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Good morning!

Oklahoma Superintendent Faces Blowback for Putting Libs of TikTok Creator on Library Panel

Ryan Walters, Oklahoma's Republican superintendent of public schools, is facing bipartisan criticism for appointing a right-wing social media influencer from New York to a state library advisory committee.

Ryan announced Chaya Raichik's appointment to the committee last week, saying she is "on the

front lines showing the world exactly what the radical left is all about — lowering standards, porn in schools, and pushing woke indoctrination on our kids."

Walters said Wednesday that opponents, including "union leftists," are scared that Raichik is on his team:

- They know we will continue to expose their agenda to indoctrinate our kids with a woke agenda and push pornographic material into the classroom.
- Oklahoma continues to lead the nation on crushing Joe Biden's war on our kids.

A former public school teacher elected in 2022, Walters <u>ran on a platform of fighting "woke ideology"</u> in public schools, banning books from school libraries and getting rid of "radical leftists" who he claims are indoctrinating children in classrooms across the state. Since his election, he has clashed with leaders in both parties for his continued focus on culture-war issues including transgender rights and banning books in schools.

The regular State Board of Education meetings that Walters chairs, which had typically been routine, bureaucratic affairs, have now become sounding boards for political grievances from the public, with people waiting for hours to get a seat in the small conference room. A meeting last year became so con

Would you like to have Ryan on to discuss?

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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:19 AM

To: Caroline Woods < caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Ed Official on Oklahoma drag queen elementary school principal resigns amid outrage, Parents Happy

He's Gone

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Good morning!

FOX NEWS: Oklahoma drag queen elementary school principal resigns amid outrage, official says

Shane Murnan was hired in June 2023 to serve as principal of John Glenn Elementary School (based in Oklahoma) despite previously **facing a child porn charge**. Murnan was connected to the alleged drag queen activities by the popular Libs of TikTok social media account in September 2023. Ryan

Walters, the Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction, called on him to step down, while praising the social media account for outing him.

Ryan Walters has demanded that NO drag queens will be teaching children in schools. Parents have been outraged and are glad to see the drag queen elementary school principal resign. Ryan and his team are investigating how this even happened to begin with and how we can stop drag queens from being hired in these positions in the first place.

Would you like Ryan on the show to discuss?

X POST:



Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:02 PM

To: Caroline Woods < caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Official: "The drug dealers love this [border] bill..." Fentanyl is impacting/killing students in school

across America

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Good afternoon!

Joe Biden gets everything he wants in the new \$118B border bill. Worst of all it invites drug dealers to flood into our country pushing fentanyl on our students. This impacts grades, behavior, and only reaps negative outcomes.

To make matters worse, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than

heroin or morphine. 2 milligrams will kill you.

Ryan Walters, Superintendent of OK Schools, says in his video: "The drug dealers love this [border] bill..." Fentanyl is impacting/killing students in school across America. This \$118B border legislation is Biden's wish list, everything he ever wanted. It's dangerous for our students - so many lives will be taken from this lethal drug.



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Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:24 AM

To: Caroline Woods < caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Oklahoma official trolls PETA by taking bite out of burger as group advocates placing 'Ten Vegan

Commandments' in schools

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Good morning!

The Blaze: Oklahoma official trolls PETA by taking bite out of burger as group advocates placing 'Ten Vegan Commandments' in schools

See the video of Ryan Walters, Superintendent of OK/top education official, here.

After Ryan Walters supported legislation that put the 10 commandments in every classroom in OK, he received a letter from PETA communicating that the group wants him to display 10 vegan commandments in classrooms. In response, Walters trolled the group by taking a bite out of a burger. "The burgers are great here in Oklahoma," he declared, telling the group that they are "welcome for lunch."

PETA stands for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "This is disrespectful, defensive, and out of touch with constituents faced with ill health and a climate crisis and those hoping to abate cruelty and violence on factory farms and in slaughterhouses," PETA declared in response to Walters' video. "No worries. I'll always support Oklahoma beef. Pretty sure it's dinner time. #steak," Walters fired back.

Want Ryan on to discuss? Here's the 10 Vegan Commandments.

The Ten Vegan Commandments

- Thou shalt regard all animals as individuals who deserve respect and compassion and aren't here for humans to exploit.
- 2. Thou shalt always come to the aid of an animal in need.
- Remember to have animal companions spayed or neutered and to provide them with nutritious food, clean water, medical care, and comfortable shelter.
- Thou shalt not wear any garment or ornamentation made from or taken from the body of an animal.
- 5. Thou shalt not kill, maim, or injure any animal for "sport."
- Thou shalt not use animals as conveyances nor for entertainment.
- Thou shalt not steal or consume milk from an animal, as a mother's milk is meant to nourish her babies.
- Thou shalt not support or conduct any experiment that inflicts pain and fear on an animal nor participate in animal dissection.
- Thou shalt not buy an animal from a pet shop or breeder, leave any companion animal in a hot car or outside unattended, nor chain any animal.
- 10. Thou shalt not consume an animal's flesh, skin, or eggs nor anything else that belongs to an animal.

_____ PETA _____

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Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:00 AM

To: Caroline Woods <caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Walters Urges Congress to Shut Down Border - "Open Borders will Destroy our Schools" to Joe

Biden"

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Good morning!

"Do not sell out our conservative Republican principles to Joe Biden"

State Superintendent Ryan Walters has released a letter to the Oklahoma Congressional delegation urging immediate Congressional action to shut down the southern border and urged Republicans not to enable the failed Biden border policy. **Read more.**

There are two main things the open border is doing to American students:

- The unfunded mandate of educating illegal immigrants as a result of this border crisis, this is costly and impacts American students the most
- How students are overdosing and dying from fentanyl use that's coming here from the border
 - the median monthly overdose deaths among adolescents increased 109% from 2019 to 2021.

Would you like to have Ryan on to discuss?

Excerpts from the letter:

"Oklahoma cannot afford to have conservative values sacrificed in order to make a deal at the border. In order to protect Oklahoma's students, any legislation has to sufficiently protect the southern border from the surge of fentanyl and illegal immigrants, and not give in to the Biden agenda on immigration that has wreaked havoc on our country. It is disappointing that Oklahoma's own Senator Lankford authored the horrendous immigration compromise legislation, and I hope that no future legislation gives away as much to President Biden as that bill did.

For the sake of the safety and success of the students of Oklahoma, I urge you to take immediate action to shut down the border to the surge of illegal immigrants and fentanyl that endangers our communities and our schools.

Do not sell out our conservative Republican principles to Joe Biden. No amnesty, no exceptions to shutting the border down."

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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:14 AM

To: Caroline Woods <caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Ryan Walters on "School Choice Is the Solution to Teacher Strikes"

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Good morning!

WSJ: School Choice Is the Solution to Teacher Strikes

Last year 17 states expanded or enacted initiatives that make money available directly to parents to spend on alternative schools or educational paths for their children. Such programs work to break education monopolies by opening opportunities to all that are ordinarily reserved for the wealthy. Had parents in Newton (Mass) had this option, they would have been able to avoid the disruption the strike caused. And the unions would have a weaker incentive to behave disruptively in the first place.

A private-sector employer feels the pain of an employee strike because customers can find another place to shop for goods or services. Employees have skin in the game, too, because they risk loss of their paycheck and possibly getting fired. In the public sector, however, the customers—in this case families and children—are the only ones who feel the pain. The teachers get what they want, every time. The result is a vicious circle. Teachers unions periodically hold children's education hostage in exchange for ransom payments from taxpayers. The unions are never fully held accountable for these disruptions. Nor do they ever allow meaningful change to the system.

The Newton Public Schools spend almost \$30,000 annually on each student. Families should be able to spend that money any way and anywhere they choose. Public schools would then have an incentive to cater to the needs of the people who pay teachers' salaries.

Would you like to have Ryan Walters on to discuss?

Ryan has been fighting the teacher unions - has a piece in Newsweek about

it: The Fight for Parents' Rights in Education Isn't Over

On one side are the teachers' unions. Unions and their candidates are not afraid to use every trick in the book. Through dark money Super PACs, emotional manipulation, and organized pressure on teachers, they operate a political machine bent on deceiving voters with the message that their opponents are the real extremists.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:40 AM

To: Caroline Woods <caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Ryan Walters Bans Porn From Classrooms, Edmond Public Schools Says No, They Want

Porn in Classrooms

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Good morning!

Ryan Walters, State Superintendent of Oklahoma, banned porn/explicit reading materials and graphics from classrooms in Oklahoma, but Edmond Public Schools is appealing this action, asking the state Supreme Court to allow porn back in classrooms.

Here's the full story: <u>Edmond Public Schools asks state Supreme Court to rule on library issue with Ryan Walters</u>

School board members won't even allow adults to read these books out loud, yet Edmond Public Schools are begging for kids to be reading this sexual garbage.

WHY? Good question. Ryan Walters has a minute video on this here.

Two books the Democrats are pushing for students to read are: "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls and "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. **The Glass Castle is filled with sexual assault scenes and the Kite Runner has rape in it.**

Ryan is fighting this sexualizing of children in schools and will not tolerate it in classrooms.

Want Ryan on to discuss?

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Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 9:26 AM

To: Caroline Woods <caroline@voughtstrategies.com>

Subject: [EXT] Want Top Ed official on - How the border crisis threatens public education?

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Good morning!

Th Blaze: How the border crisis threatens public education

Ryan Walters, the Oklahoma State Superintendent for Public Instruction, talks about two main things the open border is doing to American students and our education system:

- The unfunded mandate of educating illegal immigrants as a result of this border crisis, this is costly and impacts American students the most. Though it may not be a polite fact to talk about anymore, it remains a fact nonetheless that illegal immigration puts a huge strain on schools and puts American children at a disadvantage. That has been the case for the last several decades and the impact of this man-made border crisis has only exacerbated the problem.
- 2. How students are overdosing and dying from fentanyl use that's coming here from the border the median monthly overdose deaths among adolescents increased 109% from 2019 to 2021.

Would you like to have Ryan on to discuss?

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Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:15 AM

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Subject: [EXT] After Nonbinary Student's Death, Schools Chief Defends Restrictive Gender Policies

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Good morning!

Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction <u>Ryan Walters</u> is standing by policies affecting transgender students in state schools following the death of 16-year-old Nex Benedict, which has resulted in increasing calls for his removal from office.

Here's an ABC story: Oklahoma education superintendent under fire for anti-LGBTQ rhetoric after Nex Benedict's death

Here's a NYT story: <u>After Nonbinary Student's Death, Schools Chief Defends</u>
Restrictive Gender Policies

But Ryan fires back:

- "To make sure that all individuals are safe in a school, we want every student to be protected, we want every student to be successful."
- "That also means we're not going to lie to students. And we're not going to push a gender ideology."

An open letter called for Ryan' immediate removal from office for, the letter claims,

"fostering a culture of violence and hate against the 2SLGBTQI+ community in Oklahoma schools."

Ryan responded to the letter saying: "[this is a] standard tactic of the radical left, and they will stop at nothing to destroy the country and our state."

Want Ryan Walters on to discuss?

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