



## Oklahoma SSN Education Finance Panel

### Description

Education spending for public elementary and secondary education in the State of Oklahoma continues to lag behind those of many other states. Over the past decade, state aid funding for schools has declined by 8.7% despite a steady increase in enrollment. Per pupil funding has declined from \$3,195 per pupil to \$2,693.

Oklahoma faces multiple challenges in education, including funding mechanisms, salary incentives, meeting the growing demand for qualified teachers, and high turnover rates, to name a few. All of these have a strong impact on the cost of education and education outcomes. The panel will assemble administrators, practitioners, scholars, and policymakers to examine the most pressing issues in education finance and policy, the legislative agenda, and future opportunities and challenges.

Free and open to the public.

### Details

#### Date and Time

Thursday, April 12, 2018

12:00pm to 1:30pm

#### Location

Norman Public Library, Lowry Room

225 N. Webster Ave

Norman, OK 73069

### Schedule

12:00pm

#### Welcome and brief introductions

**Cynthia Rogers**, Professor of Economics, University of Oklahoma

12:10pm

#### Panel of speakers

- Deven Carlson, Ph.D., Presidential Research Professor - Associate Director for Education at the National Institute of Risk and Resilience, OU Department of Political Science
- Rick Cobb, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Mid-Del School District

- Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Federal Programs, Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Emily Virgin, Democratic member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 44

Moderated by Gene Perry, Strategy & Communications Director, Oklahoma Policy Institute

12:40pm

### **Questions and Answers**

1:00pm

### **Refreshments**