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## Attorney Talk

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### AND THE WINNER IS...YOU DECIDE

The 18-member board tasked with choosing the new teacher and administrator evaluation model from the top three candidates—Tulsa, Danielson or Marzano—has met its December 15 deadline and decided that the winner is...whichever one you wish it to be. All three models were adopted for a one-year pilot, enabling each school district to select which one it deems best—at least for the next year. The board is now slated to announce a single teacher evaluation model at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Final debate primarily centered on whether to adopt the Tulsa model—used there for the past two years—or the Marzano Teacher Evaluation Framework (currently in place in OKC public schools' lowest-performing schools and in 27 states throughout the U.S.). In early-December it appeared the board was leaning toward the Tulsa model, voting 13-5 in its favor. However, in the end, it was decided by the board to wait it out a little bit longer and let districts pilot-test the model of their choosing. The Tulsa model will be the official "default" model.

Controversy has arisen surrounding this decision. Some state lawmakers, including Ed Cannaday, of Porum, feel that it violates the spirit of the law to not choose a single evaluation system. Defenders of the decision say that it gives flexibility—and additional time—to districts. The law states that the board was to "adopt a statewide system of evaluation..." by December 15<sup>th</sup>. This was interpreted by the TLE Commission to mean that a "system" could include multiple options for school districts.

Is the change in how we evaluate—regardless of which model is eventually chosen— a big deal to your

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district? It certainly looks to be: The law which mandated a uniform statewide evaluation system to be implemented also mandates the firing of teachers who score "ineffective" for two consecutive years under the new system. Hence the importance of the successful planning and implementation of such a system. It's a potential game-changer, for sure. Much more control over retention or dismissal of ineffective staff will be possible. With that additional control will come the need for extensive training for those who will be doing the evaluating, uniform implementation of whatever system is chosen and thorough documentation to ensure proper procedures have been followed in the event a due process hearing is triggered.

For more information on each of the three systems, use the following links:

Tulsa Model: [tulaschools.org](http://tulaschools.org)

Danielson Framework: [charlottedanielson.com](http://charlottedanielson.com)

Marzano Model: [marzanoevaluation.com](http://marzanoevaluation.com)

What system will you choose? How will you choose it? Do you feel that, in the end, this massive reform will serve the goal of producing better teachers and thereby increasing the quality of students' education? Time will tell.

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### **OROS 2012 LEGISLATIVE GOALS**

1. Oppose legislation mandating consolidation or combining of administrative units based on number of students, number of districts, and/or size (square miles) of a district.
2. OROS asks that any discussion of reductions in Oklahoma's income tax rates be deferred until public schools and career techs are funded at the amount required to provide the best education possible for our school children.
3. Support legislation that leads to greater student achievement and higher graduation rates.
4. Support legislation that provides additional funding to common education and increased flexibility enabling school districts to better meet the learning needs of Oklahoma school children.
5. Support restoring the accreditation mandates waived by HB 3029; such as class size limitations, employing library/media specialists, and purchasing textbooks by restoring state financial support for common education to the FY '09 level.
6. Oppose legislation that reduces or limits growth in Ad Valorem or any other segment of the tax base for public schools.
7. Support efforts to repel all existing state transferable tax credits.
8. Support legislation that increases the portion of state income tax collections dedicated to the Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund from 1% to 2%.
9. Support removing the requirement of a 60% supermajority for passage of school bond issues.

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### Perry Willis Comments

Don't forget the deadline for the OROS scholarships. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. To make the application process a little easier, we have added the option of downloading a form, filling it out on your computer, typing the essay on your computer, printing all of it, and then mailing it to the OROS office. After printing it, the student needs to sign it, and then have it signed by the principal before mailing it. You can access this form from our web page at orosok.org. Click on the scholarship link on the left side of the home page and that will take you to the form options. Follow the instructions under each option.

We will again track all the school related legislation during the session and all these bills that we are tracing can be found on our web site. Go to our web site (orosok.org), on the left side of the home page click on the "Legislation" link, after reaching that page, click on "Education Bill Status Report" link. That will take you to a list of all the bills that we are tracking. You can read the entire bill by clicking on the bill number. The first tracking list is already available at this time. It is very easy to overlook a bill and if you notice an important bill missing from the list, let me know and I will pass the information on to the appropriate people.

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### The Oklahoma Schools Property and Casualty Report

**By: Lee Roy Pettyjohn, Director**

It's never too early to start thinking of your Property and Casualty coverage. The Oklahoma School Property Casualty Coop is once again offering comprehensive property casualty coverage to Oklahoma School Districts. Of course, this coverage includes all auto and professional liability. The OSPCC is off to a great start, with a total of about 50 schools this year. We are looking forward to helping meet your Property/Casualty needs once again.

OROS is proud to sponsor this program because it offered a substantial savings to the majority of school districts who requested a quote. In addition, with OSPCC providing another option, it has helped reduced the cost of insurance for many school districts across the state.

June Board meetings will be here before you know it. In order to provide you the best quote possible, OSPCC will need some detailed information from you. Although this isn't a time consuming process, it is something that needs to be tended to as soon as possible. The more

information received from each district in a timely manner, in turn will allow OSPCC to provide you with the best quote possible.

Any school districts with an anniversary prior to July 1, should contact Lee Roy Pettyjohn as soon as possible.

The following list of information is all that is required to provide a best value quote for your district:

**Certificate of Coverage** from your current year policies (also provide previous years if available), including the invoice or pricing page.

**Property Schedule** from you most recent property appraisal. (This lists each building with construction type, year built, square footage, replacement cost, and content replacement cost)

**Vehicle Schedule** that includes year, make, model, last 4 VIN, and purchase cost.

**Detail loss runs**, by line of coverage / by coverage term, for the previous five (5) years.

Please direct any questions to:

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### **OROS Calendar**

#### **OROS Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 15, 2012**

**OSSAA Building  
Oklahoma City, OK  
10:00 A.M.**

#### **OROS Scholarship Application Deadline**

**March 1, 2012**

#### **OROS Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 1, 2012**

**OSSAA Building  
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10:00 A.M.**