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**Preparing students for America's jobs of the future** through professional development, classroom technology and access to college or other postsecondary education opportunities.



**Strengthening public education** in Oklahoma and America through support for school funding and opposition to vouchers and privatization.



**Respecting the rights of school employees** to be partners in school change, to be involved in decisions concerning education quality and to bargain collectively.

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