

BUSINESSES CAN PLAY A ROLE IN SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS

The COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on the delicate nature of operating schools throughout the waves of students, educators and support staff falling ill.

While districts across the state have put mitigation policies in place, ultimately, research shows students learn best when in the classroom.

- Forty states found that 1.6 million elementary students testing in 2021 were approximately ten points behind in math and nine points behind in reading, compared with matched students in previous years.
- This decline translates to students, on average, being five months behind in math and four months behind in reading compared with where they would be expected to be based on historical data.

The business community can be a part of the solution and support schools by matching employees with valuable skills to substitute in classrooms across the state as guest educators.



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