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Learning for Excellence

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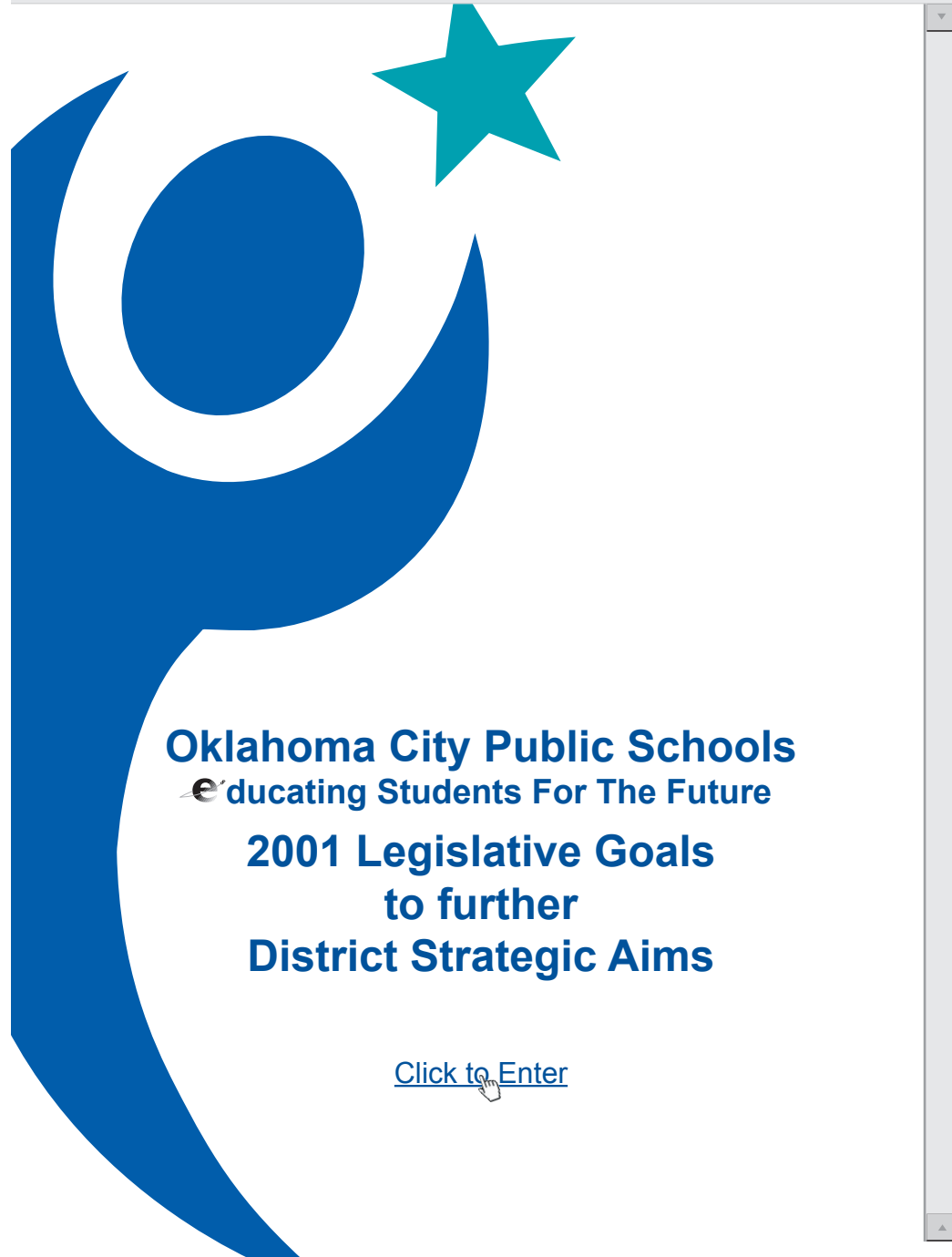
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“Learning for Excellence”

- Support legislation providing more funding for expanding pre-kindergarten classes.
- Support legislation that would prohibit the diversion of public funds from public schools to private schools.
- Support legislation that will increase state support for textbook purchases from the current \$34 per student to \$75 per student.
- Support legislation that will move CRT testing to the end of the school year.

“Effective and Efficient Operations”

- Support legislation allowing Oklahoma City school district voters the option to bond for more than the 10% bonding capacity currently mandated.
- Support legislation allowing Oklahoma City school district voters to pass school general obligation bonds by a simple majority.
- Support legislation that will provide additional funding for critical technology needs in the District.
- Support legislation that protects the current funding formula and allows for greater local Board of Education control.
- Support legislation providing funding for increasing critical operational costs for utilities, gasoline and additional fixed charges.
- Support legislation that would allow the Oklahoma City school district flexibility in determining the qualifications needed when selecting a superintendent.

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“Safe Environment that Fosters Learning”

- Support legislation creating additional funds for alternative education programs at all levels.

“Professional Workforce”

- Support legislation that increases teachers’ salaries to at least the regional average and fully fund all related expenses, in order to attract and retain quality educators in our schools.
- Support legislation that will increase education support staff salaries by a minimum of 6%.
- Support legislation that provides funding for additional core academic area teachers and master teachers.
- Support legislation that amends teacher certification requirements to allow for expanded use of adjunct instructors, recognition of previous related work experience and educational preparation as criteria for awarding broader “alternative” teacher certification and allows for elementary certified teachers to teach core academic areas at the middle school level.
- Support legislation that would increase funding for teacher technology training.
- Support legislation that would provide funding for creation of a state supported professional development center in Oklahoma City.

“Partnerships”

- Work with the state legislature to create a partnership aimed at enhancing public education for all children.

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