Rep. Tom Gann and Public Education

As a former school board member, and as an Auditor, our state representative Tom Gann is playing an influential role in reforming the state's public education policies.

In the last session, Gann became the Legislature's foremost advocate of funding the teacher compensation increase WITHOUT raising taxes on the people.

Not content to just say "No!" to new taxes, Gann seeks to provide solutions. He put his auditing skills to work and discovered a massive government fund that has been growing for years and which should be used to pay teachers instead of financing Oklahoma City bureaucrats and vendors -- and he sponsored legislation to do just that.

Gann also leads the way in supporting local control and publicly challenged a high-profile decision by the Oklahoma State School Board to override a local school board. Gann authored legislation to protect the decisions of local citizens and local school boards from unelected bureaucrats in Oklahoma City.

This summer Gann has made hundreds of one-on-one home visits to area voters. He remains accessible and open to discussing the public education and other issues. Gann's willingness to engage in public dialogue has not gone unnoticed. The OEA scored Gann as "Accessible" in its legislative dashboard.

As our State Representative, Republican Tom Gann:

honored his pledge to stand up for the taxpayer and to require state government to live within its means. His votes are based on principle and not influenced by the hundreds of dollars that flow to office holders from special interest groups and lobbyists -- because he DOES NOT TAKE personal gifts or campaign contributions from lobbyists or the groups that hire them; and

voted against the recent tax increases and held strong against the efforts to put a capital gains tax on farm land and cattle sales.

The recent economic reports by the State Treasurer reveal a 1.2 billion dollar state government surplus before the recent, unnecessary, state tax increases were implemented. This proves that government does not create wealth but people do.

While the nation, including Oklahoma, is benefiting from the recent tax DECREASES by the federal government, it only made sense to Tom Gann to **defend the hard work of Oklahomans** by standing against new taxation from the state.

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