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In response to Governor Stitt's recent comments calling for the elimination of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) and characterizing it as a group of unelected officials:

The OSSAA is a member-driven organization governed by the 482 Oklahoma schools that voluntarily choose to join the association. Every major decision, policy and rule is shaped by these member schools. The OSSAA Board of Directors is composed entirely of elected school leaders – Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors – who are chosen by their peers to represent them.

OSSAA Executive Director David Jackson stated, "While we are disappointed that Governor Stitt did not reach out to learn more about how the OSSAA operates, we welcome the opportunity to visit with him at any time. We would be glad to help him better understand our member-governed structure and the work our schools do collectively to support students across Oklahoma."