



OETA Confirms Continued Operations Following CPB Shutdown

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) confirmed today that its operations will continue uninterrupted following national reports regarding the shutdown of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

OETA is not shutting down. All broadcasts, educational services, emergency alerting, and local programming remain fully operational across OETA's four channels: OETA HD, OETA Create, OETA World, and PBS KIDS.

OETA is an independent Oklahoma state agency, established in 1953, and operates separately from CPB. While OETA is a dues-paying member station of PBS and airs national PBS programming, its governance and day-to-day operations are not managed by CPB.

OETA did receive approximately \$1.9 million in funding through CPB, which supported programming and services. The organization confirmed it is fully funded through fiscal year 2026 and said the CPB shutdown does not affect current operations. OETA is actively working to replace those funds through expanded fundraising, underwriting, and community support initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

The Authority cited strong financial planning, private support, and state investment as factors contributing to its stability. Most recently, the State of Oklahoma funded the replacement of all 18 OETA transmitters statewide, a major infrastructure upgrade expected to support reliable broadcast service for the next 20 years and beyond.

OETA also confirmed that its participation in the PBS Warning, Alert, and Response Network (PBS WARN) remains fully operational. The system delivers emergency alerts during severe weather, public safety events, and communication outages and is unaffected by the CPB shutdown.

For more than 70 years, OETA has provided free, noncommercial educational programming, public affairs coverage, cultural content, and emergency communications to Oklahoma residents. That mission, the Authority said, continues unchanged.

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