

All high-impact reporting in Epic Charter Schools investigative series:

Feb. 27, 2019: “Epic Charter Schools under investigation by state, federal law enforcement agencies

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July 18, 2019: “Records show FBI has also been looking into Epic, along with federal education investigators”

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July 20, 2019: “Governor requests state audit of Epic Charter Schools; school's sponsor already in touch with state auditor”

https://tulsaworld.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_8dfb64fe-2ce0-58c1-a7ae-6a2b046b59da.html

Aug. 1, 2019: “Epic Charter Schools' expansion into Texas in limbo amid new revelations about criminal investigation”

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Aug. 22, 2019: “OSBI investigating new allegations of forgery by Epic Charter Schools' co-founder and CFO, willful neglect by board members”

https://tulsaworld.com/news/local/education/article_c61b6c24-bbfa-50f6-9939-548dca721810.html

Aug. 29, 2019: “Epic Charter Schools promoting itself with multimillion-dollar advertising campaign, plus \$9,000 per month shopping mall playground sponsorships”

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Feb. 23, 2020: “Our kids have become a piggy bank’: Epic Charter Schools shields \$50M in taxpayer funds from public scrutiny”

A year-long investigation by the Tulsa World revealed that on top of a 10% cut of every dollar of revenue, Epic has been paying its for-profit management company millions more in taxpayer dollars every year for school expenditures that are never audited and which Epic claims are shielded from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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March 2, 2020: “Epic Charter Schools' Learning Fund targeted by lawmakers who seek increased transparency, accountability”

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March 6, 2020: “Epic Charter Schools' for-profit management firm refuses to release documents to investigators, Oklahoma attorney general says”

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March 7, 2020: “Potential conflicts of interest are not holding up Epic Charter Schools investigation, district attorney and state attorney general say”

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Aug. 21, 2020: “Campaign contributions top \$375k from Epic Charter Schools founders, backers amid state investigations”

https://tulsaworld.com/news/local/education/article_12a64d43-606b-5cbe-9256-95c64097f756.html

Oct. 15, 2020: “Statewide Virtual Charter School Board member is relative of Epic co-founder”

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