

Definition of Limited Thinker: In 1989 our older son Ethan participated in the football program at Booker T Washington High School in Tulsa. After school one day he reported that a coach had expressed his dissatisfaction with many team members whose grade reports put them in jeopardy of ineligibility for the next week's game by saying: "I'm not going to call you all a bunch of dumb m%#^&r f*+&rs because 'they' won't let me call you dumb m%#^&r f*+&rs, but I am going to call you a bunch of Limited Thinkers."

For those who may be offended that I would call the good people at the OCPA and the 1889 Institute "a bunch of dumb m%#^&r f*+&rs", don't be. Like Ethan's football coach, I am an educator. He did not think our son and his teammates were "a bunch of dumb m%#^&r f*+&rs" rather he knew they were not performing up to their potential and was searching for a way to motivate them to do better. That is why I use the term "limited thinker": I don't think they are "a bunch of dumb m%#^&r f*+&rs", rather I know they can do better, and our state needs good ideas backed up with solid research to make us better. Sadly, neither the OCPA nor the 1889 Institute are doing that; so until they do I will continue to call them out as limited thinkers.