

MORATORIUM ON STATE TESTING SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the _____ Board of Education is charged with governing the school system so that all students receive the best educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and

WHEREAS, board members, administrators, and teachers do their utmost to ensure students are provided with adequate resources and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, TN has experienced many assessment changes to include new standards, new assessments, and a new testing vendor; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of TNReady testing, the online platform failed and some test were scored incorrectly in the most recent year of implementation, which directly impacted students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, the current system does not provide results until the following school year; and

WHEREAS, until measures are established to verify that all data associated with existing assessments is accurate and timely, the state department of education and the state board of education should not mandate any additional assessments; and

WHEREAS, this concern arises from the fact that some non-tested subjects currently have end of course exams being field tested, and while districts should have the ability to voluntarily participate, the state should not be mandating additional tests when the current system has so many issues; and

WHEREAS, legislation that simply prevents the state from mandating any additional assessments will benefit parents, students, and teachers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ Board of Education urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that places a moratorium on the State Department of Education and State Board of Education from mandating any additional assessments from those mandated in the 2016-2017 school year until measures are set in place to verify that all data associated with existing assessments is accurate and timely.