

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE
OF TCAP DATA FOR
TEACHER EVALUATIONS AND
STUDENT GRADES FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

PROPOSED BY:
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WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and

WHEREAS, the rollout of the TNReady assessment in School Year 2015-2016 was a failure resulting in lost instructional time for students and undue stress for stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, due to the TNReady failure a waiver was provided for School Year 2015-2016

WHEREAS, a new assessment vendor, Questar, was not selected until July 6, 2016, yet high school students are set to take EOC exams from November 28-December 16; and

WHEREAS, there are documented errors on the part of Questar to administer similar assessments in New York and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, score reports will be unavailable until Fall 2017; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee teachers will not be involved in writing test items for the assessment in School Year 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, there is a reliance on using test items from other states, which may not align with Tennessee standards; and

