

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:
AMBER ROUNTREE

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

WHEREAS, over half of Knox County teachers do not produce individual TVAAS data;
and

WHEREAS, the American Educational Research Association released a statement cautioning against the use of value added models, like TVAAS, for evaluating educators and using such data for high-stakes educational decisions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Board of Education opposes the use of TCAP data for any percentage of teacher evaluations and student grades for School Year 2016-2017 and urges the General Assembly and the State Board of Education to provide a one year waiver, as was provided for School Year 2015-2016.

ADOPTED BY THE ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER,
2016.

Patricia L. Zounds
Board Chair Date

Approved by
Knox County Board of Education
11/2/2016 (d/c)

Approved as to form and correctness: *(d/c)*

[Signature] 11/3/16
Director of Law Date
Deputy

Witness:

Terrri L. Coatney 11/3/16
Notary Public Date
My commission expires 9/30/2017

