

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION FOR KNOX COUNTY,
TENNESSEE; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF
SCORING FOR PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENTS
IN PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:**


DEPUTY LAW DIRECTOR

DATE: _____

9/13/17

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education is elected by the people of Knox County to govern the Knox County Schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties of a local Board of Education (LEA) under Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-2-203(13) is to develop and implement evaluation plans for certificated employees and submit such plans to the Tennessee Commissioner of Education for approval; and

WHEREAS, there are certain groups of teachers the Tennessee State Board of Education (TBOE) allows to use a portfolio for their individual growth score since they teach subjects that are not directly tested by TNReady and these groups include lower elementary grades (Pre-K through 1st grade) and related arts areas; and

WHEREAS, there have been ongoing pilots of portfolios at the state level for the past several years. Most recently, a platform 1st grade teachers piloted, GLADIS, has now been replaced with Educopia; and

WHEREAS, physical education teachers in the Knox County Schools (KCS) were able to vote against the use of a portfolio for their growth scores; and

WHEREAS, the TBOE allowed a suspension, and KCS elected to operate with the suspension of the use of the portfolio for growth scores in Fine Arts and 1st grade for the 2017-18 school year, allowing the two groups of teachers time to learn more about the changes to the portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Legislature modified T.C.A. § 49-6-105 in 2016 to require Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers to use the portfolio model approved by the TBOE; and

WHEREAS, this Knox County Board of Education requests and asserts that the same waiver and extension of time granted to the Fine Arts and 1st Grade teachers should be granted to the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers in the use of the portfolio model for the 2017-18 school year; and

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

The Knox County Board of Education requests and asserts to the Tennessee Board of Education and the Tennessee Commissioner of Education that the portfolio model approved by the TBOE should not be scored against the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers for the 2017-18 school year, but should instead be utilized as a pilot program and allow the teachers time to learn and adapt to the use of the portfolio.


Knox County Board of Education, Chair Date

Approved by
Knox County Board of Education
9/13/2017 