

## 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 2017-2018**

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a delay in the release of scores for TNReady for the test administered in School Year 2016-2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the scoring of TNReady by Questar resulted in numerous scoring errors, thus calling into question the reliability and validity of all TNReady scores; 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 2017-2018 and urges the General Assembly and

the State Board of Education to provide a one-year waiver, as was previously provided for School Year 2015-2016.

ADOPTED BY THE ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

*Patricia Lee Dunks* 11/8/17

Board Chair

Date

Approved as to form and correctness:

*Carla* 11-8-2017

Director of Law

Date

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*Terrill L. Coatney* 11/8/2017

Notary Public

Date

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