

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE  
OF TNREADY DATA FOR  
TEACHER EVALUATIONS FOR  
SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

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, all school systems in Tennessee have been granted one-time flexibility in the 2015-2016 school year to choose not to integrate TNReady Quick Scores into students' final grades, due to an anticipated delay in assessment results; and

WHEREAS, this is the first year for the TNReady assessment; and

WHEREAS, TNReady is not a comparable assessment to TCAP; and

WHEREAS, the TNReady assessment requires the use of technology and the State of Tennessee BEP funding does not meet the needs of the Knox County Schools district; 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 strongly urges the General Assembly and the State Board of Education to provide a waiver from utilizing the TNReady data for the use of teacher evaluations for the school year 2015-2016.

ADOPTED BY THE ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,  
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2nd DAY OF December, 2015.

[Signature] 12/3/15  
Board Chair Date

Approved as to form and correctness:

[Signature] 12/3/15  
Director of Law Date

Witness:



[Signature] 12/3/15  
Notary Public Date

Approved by  
Knox County Board of Education

12/2/2015 [Signature]