

LSS RESOLUTION 2014/09-01
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TENNESSEE
STATE STANDARDS

- WHEREAS,** The Lakeland School System Board of Education (LSS BOE) supports the need for challenging, rigorous standards that prepare Tennessee students for college, careers or the military and allow them to compete academically and vocationally on a national level; and
- WHEREAS,** The LSS BOE acknowledges that Tennessee students must be better prepared to think critically and creatively for Tennessee to develop and sustain an employable and innovative work force; and
- WHEREAS,** The LSS BOE believes educational standards that guide instruction for Tennessee students to accomplish the aforementioned goals should be developed by Tennessee educators and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** The LSS BOE desires a transparent process for developing educational standards and selecting or developing appropriate assessments that involves Tennessee educators and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Common Core State Standards in English and Math that are currently in place for Tennessee school systems were not developed with the input of Tennessee educators, school boards, and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** The LSS BOE recognizes the concern of many Lakeland area citizens, educators, and legislators that the adoption and implementation of Common Core State Standards weakens local control of educational decisions and priorities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lakeland School System, Lakeland, Tennessee that the Lakeland School System Board of Education strongly encourages the Governor of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Education to repeal Tennessee's adoption of the Common Core State Standards in favor of new, rigorous standards and assessments created for Tennessee students to be developed with the input Tennessee educators, school boards, and community members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Lakeland, Tennessee on this 13th day of October, 2014.

Kevin Floyd, *Board Chairman*

Ted Horrell, *Superintendent*

ATTEST

Sontidra L. Thomas, CMC
City Recorder