

RESOLUTION 2016/08-01  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE ACT ASPIRE SUITE OF TESTS AS  
THE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF TN

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WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Lakeland School System is the local governmental body responsible for providing a public education to the students and families of Lakeland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee through the work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Board of Education, and local boards of education, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and

WHEREAS, TNReady accountability testing in the 2015-16 school year was suspended and ultimately cancelled due to the failure of the state's testing vendor to perform; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education has entered into a short term contract with another vendor to provide testing services to TN public schools for the 2016-17 school year; and

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators and students in Tennessee deserve consistent, long-term, and dependable assessment administration to track performance and growth in students, teachers, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education states that "Tennessee's academic standards are aligned to the ACT ensuring that students who show strong growth and achievement on TNReady will also be prepared to meet the college and career readiness benchmarks on the ACT"; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Tennessee Department of Education Strategic Plan states that "The Average ACT composite score in Tennessee will be a 21 by 2020,"; and

WHEREAS, the ACT Aspire suite of tests can assess students in grades three through high school, is vertically aligned, is rigorous, helps track student progress toward success on the ACT during their junior year, and increases student familiarity with the ACT testing platform; and

WHEREAS, the ACT Aspire suite of tests would have the credibility of districts, teachers and families, and would ultimately promote greater college readiness across the state of Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM: The Board of Education of Lakeland School System implores the Tennessee General Assembly and the Tennessee Department of Education to adopt the ACT Aspire suite of tests as the statewide assessment measure in English/ELA and Math for district, school, and teacher accountability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lakeland Board of Education, Lakeland, Tennessee on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, public welfare requiring it.

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Kevin Floyd, *Board Chairman*

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Ted Horrell, *Superintendent*

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Jessie Rosales  
*LSS Board Recorder*