

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE SUPPORTING HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS

REQUESTED BY: INDYA KINCANNON

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WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education recognizes that challenging educational standards and high expectations will support rigorous instruction and lead to greater student academic success, and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has boldly adopted higher academic standards in K-12 public education through the Tennessee Diploma Project, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education has, in a prior resolution, commended the Governor, the Tennessee General Assembly, and the Tennessee Board of Education for their courageous leadership in embracing these higher standards

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

THAT THE *Knox County Board of Education* hereby reiterates its ardent support for the more rigorous academic standards introduced through the Tennessee Diploma Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Knox County Board of Education* strongly encourages the Tennessee General Assembly and the Tennessee Board of Education, to require students to pass a core set of End of Course assessments, (or some appropriate combination or weighted sum of EOCs) in order to graduate from high school, so as to ensure that the high standards Tennessee has rightfully adopted are achieved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the *Knox County Board of Education* strongly encourages the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Board of Education to clearly define proficiency for all students under the new standards in the near-term, including setting state assessment “cut scores” prior to students taking the standardized tests, so as to avoid any political or other undue pressure to retreat from higher standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the *Knox County Board of Education* strongly encourages policymakers, elected officials, parents, educators, business

people, and all other community stakeholders to resolutely continue their support for the new, more rigorous academic standards in the State of Tennessee, even if the preliminary student assessment outcomes create pressure to weaken the standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the *Knox County Board of Education* calls upon the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Board of Education, and the Tennessee Department of Education to ensure that appropriate resources and supports are provided to school districts across the State of Tennessee so that our students will meet or exceed the new academic standards associated with the Tennessee Diploma Project.

Board Chair

Date

Approved As To Form And Correctness:

Chief Deputy Director of Law

Witness:

Notary Public

Date