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Bradley County, TN says NO to Common Core

On February 6, 2014, the elected School Board of Bradley County Schools passed a Resolution Against Common Core and testing:

February 6, 2014

**Resolution in Response to Bradley County, TN
Commission Resolution 2013-48**

WHEREAS, The Bradley County, TN Board of Education holds student achievement as its highest responsibility, and

WHEREAS, The Bradley County, TN Board of Education also embraces the challenge to improve student achievement, and

WHEREAS, The Bradley County, TN Board of Education celebrates both local and state student achievement improvements relating to meaningful revisions to standards initiated in 2009 and implemented through the outstanding commitment of our teaching professionals, and

WHEREAS, the transition to Common Core Standards is being implemented school year 2013 – 2014 as a global change affecting all 3rd through 12th grade Bradley County, TN students instantaneously rather than staggering the transition from current Tennessee Standards to Common Core Standards. This instant transition impacts student and parent expectations and the teaching strategies used to educate our students, and

WHEREAS, the Common Core Standards have not been benchmarked and shown to produce meaningful improvements in student achievement, and

WHEREAS, the Common Core Standards are not curriculum and do not dictate how and what teachers teach in classrooms in Bradley County, TN, and

WHEREAS, the curriculum to support Common Core Standards will flow from the Tennessee Department of Education and allow exceptions only if requested by Bradley County Schools and approved by the Tennessee Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, current End of Course (EOC) and Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) assessments will be replaced with a non-validated Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment beginning 2014-2015 school year, and

WHEREAS, EOC and TCAP assessments are currently a component of teacher evaluation and PARCC assessments will replace these performance assessment components for teacher evaluation as governed by Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA), and



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WHEREAS, the transition from TCAPEOC to PARCC will impact predicted student performance without benchmark data and impact the student achievement component of teacher evaluation under TCA, and

WHEREAS, the implementation resources for Common Core Standards for the teachers of Bradley County, TN Schools have been variable and dependent upon the source of training and professional development. This variation has created the opportunity for inconsistency in the implementation of Common Core Standards in Bradley County, TN Schools, and

WHEREAS, during the 2013-2014 school year 3rd through 12th grade teachers of Bradley County, TN Schools have been tasked with implementing common core standards in parallel with current Tennessee Standards regardless of the fact that teacher evaluation and student achievement gains will be measured with EOC/TCAP assessments based SOLELY on current Tennessee standards, and

WHEREAS, the Bradley County, TN Board of Education does not have a PARCC assessment plan that assures that every student in Bradley County, TN will have equivalent instructional time to cover and reinforce standards prior to administration of the PARCC assessments. Unequal teaching time prior to student assessment within grade, grade to grade, and school to school will distort student growth data and hence teacher evaluation as measured by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS), and

WHEREAS, currently Bradley County, TN Schools has no expenses for per-student test administration for the current TCAP and EOC tests. However, no official statement has been made from the Tennessee Department of Education to Bradley County, TN Schools that 2014-2015 PARCC assessments will not cost the taxpayers of Bradley County, TN additional per-student expenses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BRADLEY COUNTY, TN BOARD OF EDUCATION offer to the Bradley County, TN Board of Commissioners the following official perspectives:

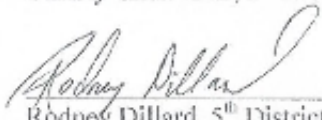
1. The instant, global implementation of Common Core Standards for all 3rd through 12th grade students could be highly disruptive to student growth,
2. The implementation of Common Core Standards in parallel with current Tennessee Standards dilutes the effectiveness of teacher lesson planning,
3. The Board of Education recommends postponing implementation of the PARCC assessment until it is validated by grade level to accurately assess student growth and its costs to the tax payers of Bradley County, TN and the State of Tennessee are clearly defined,


4. The Board of Education recommends that the use of PARCC assessment results not be used as part of TVAAS for the purpose of teacher evaluation and teacher licensure granting, renewal, or removal. And, be it further

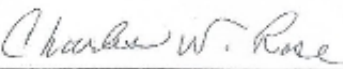
FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BRADLEY COUNTY, TN BOARD OF EDUCATION REJECTS the collection of personal student data/information for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's legal guardian and that it rejects the sharing of such data/personally identifiable information, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's legal guardian, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies within the state.

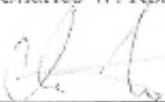

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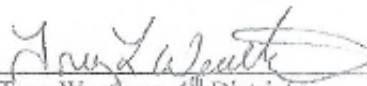

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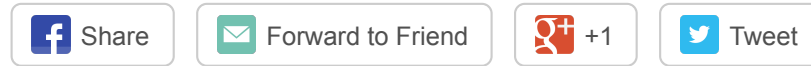

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of Chattanooga). Bradley County ranks above-average on test scores and above-average on graduation rates compared to other school districts in Tennessee.

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