

**RESOLUTION OF THE DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL BOARD
REGARDING STATE TESTING 2021**

WHEREAS, David Douglas School District is committed to educating all students, including focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing, while continuing to safeguard the health of our students, our staff, and our community; and

WHEREAS, school closures over the past year have caused students of all ages to lose countless hours of instructional time; and

WHEREAS, both educators and students have not had a standard year of instruction and navigating a global pandemic that has resulted in over half a million deaths; and

WHEREAS, in a non-pandemic year the David Douglas School Board supports the use of statewide standardized testing in order to drive state and district goals; and

WHEREAS, state-mandated testing will require sacrificing several hours of badly-needed instructional time for most students; and

WHEREAS, state test results do not provide data or information that individual teachers can use to inform their instruction or identify areas for remediation among their students; and

WHEREAS, David Douglas schools have been administering valid and reliable formative assessments every year, providing timely data that teachers use to provide multi-tiered systems of support and meet individual student needs; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Education lists 12 threats to valid interpretations of summative assessments this year; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Education has itself applied for a waiver for summative testing for the 2020-2021 school year and states in its waiver application, "...summative assessment cannot meet its intended aims this spring. We cannot make trustworthy academic achievement comparisons between schools and districts sufficient for the identification of comprehensive and targeted supports. Nor can we provide reliable and generalizable student group reporting. We also cannot look to summative assessment for instructionally actionable information." (Oregon's Statewide Assessment and Accountability 2020-21 Strategic Waiver Request, p. 6); and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Oregon Department of Education, Colt Gill, stated in the waiver request, "This is not the time for summative assessment and high-stakes accountability." and "This is not a time to subject families and educators to additional stressors that would be

required for remote administration of summative assessments.” (Oregon’s Statewide Assessment and Accountability 2020-21 Strategic Waiver Request, p. 18)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the David Douglas School Board directs the David Douglas School District to not administer the 2020-2021 Smarter Balanced Assessment or other state-mandated tests.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of David Douglas School District No. 40, Multnomah County Oregon this 26th day of April, 2021.

By: _____
Andrea Valderrama, Board Chair

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