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Loudon County Board of Education Resolution 10-2022

Resolution requesting General Assembly to amend Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3115 to allow school districts to make retention decisions for third and fourth grade students.

WHEREAS, the vision of Loudon County Board of Education is for students to be fully prepared to contribute to our community with an awareness of future educational opportunities and appreciation of the value of education; and

WHEREAS, the Loudon County Board of Education believes that retention decisions regarding children should be research-based, informed by multiple data sources, and include parental input; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Board of Education's Promotion and Retention Policy 3.300 and Loudon County Board of Education Policy 4.603 lists a minimum of factors to be considered when identifying students for retention, including:

- The student's ability to perform at the expectations of the current grade-level standards;
- The results of local assessments, screening, or monitoring tools;
- State assessments, as applicable;
- The overall academic achievement of the student;
- The student's likelihood of success with more difficult material if promoted to the next grade;
- The student's attendance record; and
- The student's social and emotional maturity; and

WHEREAS, the same Tennessee State Board of Education policy notes that "Retention shall be considered only when it is in the best interests of the student;" and

WHEREAS, retention may have adverse effects on students, including those with disabilities and at-risk students.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Loudon County Board of Education urges the General Assembly to amend Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3115 to allow school districts to make retention decisions for all students based upon the totality of data, discussion among stakeholders, and the expertise of education professionals regarding the best interests of each student.

Adopted this 6th day of October 2022.


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