



**Seminole County Public Schools**  
**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT (FSA) PROGRAM**  
**September 23, 2014**

WHEREAS, the Florida State Board of Education requires district school boards to implement school improvement and accountability as provided by State Statute and State Board of Education Rule, and the School Board of Seminole County is mandated to participate in the state assessment program to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn and understand the Florida Standards prior to graduation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Seminole County believes in accountability for students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, valid, reliable, consistent statewide measures that reasonably impact instructional time must be used to document student growth and teacher effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Seminole County does not condone the number of tests that are required by state statute to be administered to students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 and does not condone the involvement of the federal government in state and local assessment decisions; and

WHEREAS, a valid and reliable state accountability system is necessary to ensure that students are prepared to be successful in college and careers and to be productive citizens in our great country; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education has not sufficiently field tested the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) with Florida students to be able to determine learning gains and to calculate a school grade; and

WHEREAS, multiple changes to the accountability system over the last three years have caused parents, administrators and the general public to lose confidence in the school grading system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education failed to release test item specifications for the FSA in adequate time for school districts to properly prepare teachers, adjust instructional plans, and align progress monitoring tools prior to the start of the 2014-15 school year; therefore be it further and finally

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Seminole County supports the Governor's request to the Florida Commissioner of Education to, "conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation of every standardized test that school districts are requiring their students to take" and furthermore that the School Board is committed to working with the Florida Legislature to ensure that the Florida Department of Education collects FSA data for three years prior to setting standards for calculating learning gains, issuing any form of school grades and impacting teacher performance pay.

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