



**RESOLUTION 2020-2021-029**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGARDING STATE TESTING FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Reynolds 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;

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

**WHEREAS**, school districts nationwide, including Reynolds School District, are reporting varying levels of learning loss compared to other years;

**WHEREAS**, achievement disparities have grown wider over the past year, especially among student of color, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners;

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

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, Reynolds schools administers formative assessments during the school year, providing timely data that teachers use to provide multi-tiered systems of support and meet individual student needs;

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

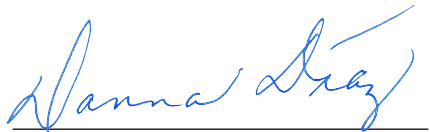
**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Oregon Department of Education, Colt Gill, stated in the waiver request, *"This is not the time for summative assessment and high-stakes accountability"* and *"This is not a time to subject families and educators to additional stressors that would be required for remote administration of summative assessments."* (Oregon's Statewide Assessment and Accountability 2020-21 Strategic Waiver Request, p. 18);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Reynolds School District Governing Board directs Reynolds School District to administer the 2020-2021 Oregon State Assessment System: English Language Arts, Mathematics, or other state-mandated tests only to those students who request it, and/or to any students whose parent/guardian requests it.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Signed:

  
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Chair, Reynolds School District Board of Directors

  
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Superintendent/Clerk