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Dear Mr. York:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated ("T.C.A.") section 8-44-108(b)(3), the Tennessee State Board of Education ("State Board") hereby submits this letter as its Determination of Necessity for its special called board meeting held via teleconference at 2:00 pm on September 19, 2019.

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 49-1-602 (2), the department of education shall recommend and the State Board shall approve performance designations for LEAs and schools based on the established performance goals and measures. In order to make these recommendations official so that the public may be informed and districts and schools may begin to receive additional support if needed, the Board must vote on these items. Because of the limited time for the State Board to approve the school and district designation lists, this special-called teleconference meeting was convened to allow the Board to review and approve the proposed designations.

In addition, the State Board also voted on time-sensitive policies and rules including rules regarding Education Savings Accounts (ESA), a new occupational educator scholarship program, teacher and administrator evaluation policy, and amendments to the charter agreement and appeals rule. Because of the time sensitive nature of these issue, this special-called teleconference meeting was convened to allow the board to review and approve these items.

As members of the State Board reside across the State, it was determined that a physical quorum of the members could not be assembled in Nashville for purposes of this special called board meeting. As such, the State Board met via teleconference to review these time-sensitive rule and policy revisions. A statement of the necessity for the teleconference meeting was made during the meeting by Amy Owen, Director of Policy and Research for the State Board. The following State Board members announced participation in the meeting via teleconference:

Lillian Hartgrove, Chairperson  
Bob Eby, Vice Chairperson  
Mike Edwards, Board Member  
Gordon Ferguson, Board Member  
Elissa Kim, Board Member  
Wendy Tucker, Board Member  
Darrell Cobbins, Board Member  
Mike Krause, Board Member (ex officio)

Notice of the meeting was posted on the State Board website along with the agenda and instructions for dialing into the teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,



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