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Dear Mr. Greene:

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 2:30 pm on June 22, 2020.

Pursuant to Public Chapter 652 of 2020 and the Governor's series of executive orders declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Board of Education was tasked with the creation of emergency rules to address issues arising from the state-wide closure of public and private schools due to COVID-19. Because of the time sensitive nature of this issue, and the limits regarding large in-person gatherings, this special-called teleconference meeting was convened to allow the board to consider approval of emergency rules, Local Education Agency waiver requests, and policies in response to COVID-19.

A statement of the necessity for the teleconference meeting was made during the meeting by Angie Sanders, General Counsel for the State Board. The following State Board members announced participation in the meeting via teleconference:

Lillian Hartgrove, Chairperson  
Bob Eby, Vice Chairperson  
Nick Darnell, Board Member  
Mike Edwards, Board Member

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Darrell Cobbins, Board Member  
Larry Jensen, Board Member  
Elissa Kim, Board Member

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Sanders  
General Counsel