

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR BARROW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to review the necessity to suspend all statewide assessments for the 2020-2021 school year, due to the impact of the school closures caused by COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the governor declared a public health emergency on March 11, 2020, as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the governor announced the closure of all school buildings; and

WHEREAS, all school buildings have remained closed since that time; and

WHEREAS, it is still unclear whether schools will be able to reopen in the fall as scheduled; and

WHEREAS, student anxiety over the virus and unrest caused by school closures will likely negatively impact student learning and thus future test performance; and

WHEREAS, results from annual mandated statewide assessments have a great impact on students, teachers, schools, and districts; and

WHEREAS, the health of Louisiana's students, teachers, and other school employees, and not test results, should be of the utmost concern.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to review the necessity to suspend all statewide assessments for the 2020-2021 school year, due to the impact of the school closures caused by COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES