

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Regarding the State's Implementation Plan of the New Ten Point Grading Scale

Whereas, the State Board of Education has taken action to replace the current 7-point grading scale with a 10-point scale effective during the 2015-2016 school year; and

Whereas, this change will place our high school graduates on equal footing with students from other districts nation-wide that are graded on the 10-point scale; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education has approved a process for transitioning from the 7-point scale to the 10-point scale; and

Whereas, the process adopted by the State Board of Education requires the 10-point scale to be used for entering freshman in 2015-16 while all other students will be graded using the 7-point scale; and

Whereas, it will take until the 2018-2019 school year to fully implement the new grading scale and until that time schools must maintain two separate grading systems; and

Whereas, most high school classes enroll students from multiple grade levels; and

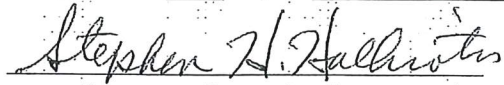
Whereas, maintaining two separate grading systems will cause inequity in grades being assigned to students on the 10-point scale and students on the 7-point scale who are enrolled in the same class due to the fact that they could earn the same numeric score but a different letter grade; and

Whereas, maintaining two separate grading systems will cause undue burden and stress on teachers who will have to keep track of which students are graded under which scale and maintain two separate grade books for each class they teach during a time when teachers are already facing increased complexity resulting from the implementation of several other state mandates,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Orange County Board of Education finds, for all the reasons stated above, the North Carolina State Board of Education's process for transitioning to the 10-point grading scale is a potentially damaging approach to addressing an otherwise legitimate need to transition to a 10-point scale; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Orange County Board of Education respectfully requests that the North Carolina State Board of Education revise the current process for transitioning to the 10-point grading scale and adopt a new process by which all students will be graded using the 10-point scale effective during the 2015-16 school year.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2014.



Chair
Orange County Board of Education



Interim Superintendent
Orange County Board of Education

