

Subject:

ACTION: Statewide Assessments and Accountability

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board suspend the requirements for schools to administer statewide assessments for the 2019-20 school year and direct the Superintendent to pursue all related and necessary waivers with the U.S. Department of Education and engage with legislators to exempt the Board and schools from administering statewide assessments through legislation, if needed.

Background:

Due to the extraordinary circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the declaration of a National State of Emergency on March 1, 2020, the declaration of a Utah State of Emergency on March 6, 2020, the soft closure of all Utah public K-12 schools from March 16–27, and the likelihood of continued restrictions on group gatherings and directives for social distancing into the foreseeable future, the Utah State Board of Education will be considering the implications of these circumstances on federal and state requirements for administering assessments and the resulting school accountability determinations.

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Attachments:

1. Motion Related to 2019-20 Statewide Assessments
2. State Suspensions of Assessment