



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION | Eric C. Davis, Chairman

WWW.NCPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

April 30, 2020

Senator Deanna Ballard
300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm. 521
Raleigh, NC 27603

Representative Craig Horn
300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm. 305
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Senator Ballard and Representative Horn:

As required by the North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2019-212, the State Board of Education is providing the Competency-Based Assessments and Teaching Model Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee (JLEOC). This report describes the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's current work that supports local districts and schools in their efforts to implement competency-based teaching.

In addition to providing transition steps to implementing a competency-based assessment and teaching system, Session Law 2019-212 required the State Board of Education to examine other states' efforts and to identify the potential benefits and obstacles to implementing a similar system in North Carolina. It is noted that this report does not fully address this requirement.

Given the complexity of transitioning to learning and assessing that is based on student-level mastery of sequentially structured content standards, a comprehensive discussion of the purposes and the intended outcomes are needed to effectively respond to this requirement. This discussion will also include consideration of the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of instruction that continuously meets the needs of students, particularly in situations requiring Stay-at-Home orders. The State Board of Education respectfully requests a meeting with the co-chairs of the JLEOC to discuss the parameters of competency-based assessment and teaching, with focus on the expectations, the required capacity for fulfillment, and the anticipated timeline.

Based on the outcome of this discussion, the State Board of Education will provide a follow-up report on its findings by December 31, 2021.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to our continuing efforts to work with you to provide an exemplary education to the students of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Davis

ECD:tlh

Attachment

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eric C. Davis, *Chairman* | eric.davis@dpi.nc.gov

6302 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6302 | (919) 807-3401 | Fax (919) 807-3198

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER