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Honorable Lance Harris
House Education Committee
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Report of the House Education Committee on proposed rule by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to amend LAC 28: CXV *in Bulletin 741 – The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*

Dear Chairman Harris:

On October 26, 2023, I received written notice that the House Committee Education determined the proposed rule referenced above to be unacceptable. Education research illustrates that Louisiana's current policy of denying students a diploma based on the results of a standardized test does not reflect best practices. This proposed rule brings Louisiana in line with national norms and research. While standardized tests can be useful, this proposed rule will provide teachers with greater ability to meet the needs of individual students, and therefore, I disapprove of the action taken by the House Committee on Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Dr. Holly Boffy, President of BESE
Senator Cleo Fields, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education
Catherine Brindley, Louisiana Register