



**State Board of Education Resolution
To Approve the Creation of ESSA Task Force
SR17-7**

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Congress enacted the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which amended the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and built on key areas of educational progress achieved in recent years with the intention of ensuring that all students have equitable access to a high-quality education;

WHEREAS, the DC State Board of Education (SBOE) advises the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) on statewide education policy in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, the SBOE approved the District’s State Accountability Plan as proposed by the State Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, the DC State Board of Education commits itself to continue the ESSA development and implementation process in a manner that will involve historically marginalized communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education amends State Board Resolution 17-2, “Appoint Committees”, to abolish the ESSA Accountability Plan Committee and replace it with a State Board of Education ESSA Task Force that will enhance the involvement and engagement of the community in the development of State Board policy in relation to the Every Student Succeeds Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board ESSA Task Force will report to the State Board during working sessions and at least quarterly during public meetings on the implementation of the ESSA State Plan, design and content of school report cards, will review pilot projects on behalf of the State Board and make recommendations to the State Board on additional measures to be included in Plan revisions. In addition, State Board Members will conduct community roundtables and focus groups to continue to gather input on the Plan and its measures. The task force shall be chaired by Lannette Woodruff (Ward 4 Representative), consist of two parent representatives, two student representatives, two teacher representatives, two ward education group representatives, two District business representatives, two community education advocates, two national education experts, the District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor or designee, one District of Columbia Public Charter School Board designee, an OSSE designee, State Board President or designee, two SBOE Representatives to be appointed by the State Board President, and such additional non-voting members as deemed beneficial by the task force chair.

Date Adopted: May 17, 2017

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