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Statement on Parental Rights Regarding Testing

We support the fundamental right of all parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children.

Although the federal waiver for the spring 2021 state summative assessment administration was not granted, the accountability waivers were granted. Notably, the United States Department of Education will not penalize Michigan or other states for failure to secure 95% or higher student participation in the administration of these assessments.

Given that coronavirus infection rates are increasing in Michigan, and many students are still attending school remotely, the State Board of Education supports the guidance to parents and legal guardians that these students need not be brought into school solely for the purpose of state assessment, and will *not be required* to come into school for the sole purpose of taking the assessments.

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