

APPROVED

BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION

OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

THE FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT)

2004-M-17

WHEREAS, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is a statewide test, given to all public school students, intended to measure the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire between grades K through 12; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida also uses the FCAT to decide whether third grade students will advance to the fourth grade and twelfth grade students will graduate from high school with a standard diploma; and

WHEREAS, the FCAT test results could mean approximately one thousand children in Orange County may not be able to graduate from high school and thousands more third graders will not advance to the fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, lower FCAT scores transcend income, racial and socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, the current FCAT policy could have a significant impact on individuals seeking employment, careers in the military or opportunities in college,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1. The Governor and the State of Florida Legislature are urged suspend existing FCAT policy as it relates to graduating seniors and are further urged to evaluate its impact on affected students.

SECTION 2. The Governor and the State of Florida Legislature are urged to consider in that review, using the FCAT as one of many factors to determine whether a student advances to the next grade or graduates from high school with a standard diploma.

SECTION 3. The County Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chair of the Orange County Legislative Delegation.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF April, 2003.

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Richard T. Crotty*
Richard T. Crotty
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jan Y. Wells*
Deputy Clerk

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