



TENNESSEE EDUCATORS CALL FOR HALT TO STATE TESTING, EVALUATIONS FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

District leaders, educators and parents are grappling with what the 2020-2021 school year will look like for Tennessee students. [TEA's priority is always the health, safety and welfare of students and educators](#). There are other critical issues TEA is working on as plans to resume school are finalized. TEA calls for a moratorium on state mandated testing for the 2020-2021 school year.

"In a normal year, TNReady is a deeply flawed measure of academic achievement and teacher performance," said TEA President Beth Brown. "Educators and students already face many new challenges and additional stress in the coming year, it would be unfair and inappropriate to put them through the state's high-stakes summative testing system. Moreover, because of the wide disruption in instruction there will be no validity or reliability in TNReady data." [Read the full article here](#).

APPLY FOR TEA STANDING COMMITTEE

We invite you to apply for one of the standing committees of the Tennessee Education Association. Any member interested in applying to serve on a TEA Committee or Commission during the 2020-2021 year should fill out the [application linked to this article](#) and return it to Jessica Holmes (jholmes@tnea.org) by **July 15th**.

You will also note on the form an opportunity to list your areas of particular interest, such as school safety, testing, or portfolios. This is information that we can use to create ad hoc committees during the year—particularly during the legislative session—that focus on a singular topic for a short period of time. Thank you for all you do for Tennessee's students!

RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

As part of our continued commitment to racial and social justice, we've [added a link to the national education justice](#) movement on the [TEA website](#), where you can get connected and engaged to win education justice for our students, schools and communities.

TEA WEBINARS FULLY SUBSCRIBED

While all four [TEA webinars on reopening schools](#) have been fully booked as of Tuesday, we'll publish the information presented in the webinars shortly after they are finished, with updates based on the questions we continue to receive. Also, please check back frequently for new information on the [TEA page dedicated to school closures and reopening plans](#).

JOIN NATIONAL WEBINAR FRIDAY, JULY 10, AT 2 PM CT/3 PM ET

Plan to join an informative [webinar about returning to in-person instruction](#) with NEA's Office of General

Counsel and Collective Bargaining and Member Advocacy teams. Among the topics for discussion are: recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other health experts; educator rights related to accommodations, leave, and liability waivers; and what educators and NEA affiliates can do to advocate for safe, healthy schools and campuses.

When you [register](#), please submit any questions you may have about your rights or other considerations.