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Dear Mr. Greene:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated ("T.C.A.") section 8-44-108(b)(3), the Tennessee State Board of Education ("State Board") hereby submits this letter as its Determination of Necessity for its special called board meeting held via Webex at 9:00 am on April 12, 2021.

The State Board of Education met via a specially called meeting on April 12, 2021. This meeting was called to consider a number of time-sensitive issues, including emergency rules necessary for implementation of special session legislation, final reading of a permanent rule relating to Continuous Learning Plans, as well as consideration of evaluation policy revisions needed before the end of the 2020-21 school year. Due to the time-sensitive nature of many of the items on the Board's agenda, as well as restrictions on in-person gatherings relating to COVID-19, it was determined that this meeting should be conducted electronically to ensure the board could carry out essential business in a safe, transparent way that avoids creating large gatherings of people.

A statement of the necessity for the Webex meeting was made during the meeting by Angie Sanders, General Counsel for the State Board. The following State Board members announced participation in the meeting via teleconference:

Lillian Hartgrove, Chairperson  
Bob Eby, Vice Chairperson  
Nick Darnell, Board Member  
Mike Edwards, Board Member

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Darrell Cobbins, Board Member  
Nate Morrow, Board Member  
Gordon Ferguson, Board Member  
Larry Jensen, Board Member  
Garren Hamby, Student Board Member  
Emily House, Ex Officio Board Member

Notice of the meeting was posted on the State Board's website along with the agenda and instructions for accessing the Webex.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Sanders  
General Counsel