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JerseyCAN Statement on Tabling of Regulatory Vote on Assessments

Patricia Morgan, Executive Director of JerseyCAN, released the following statement regarding the New Jersey State Board of Education's vote on proposed regulatory changes to the statewide assessment system.

“We applaud the State Board of Education and Department for delaying their vote on proposed changes to our state's assessment system. JerseyCAN believes our education system must continue to innovate and that includes assessments. However, the proposed changes went too far and would have reduced the collection of important data that is critical to improving student outcomes and preparing students for college and the workforce. There is a need to be smarter about the amount of testing but reductions in testing can't be done simply to make it easier for students to graduate or less stressful to graduate. The goal must be better student outcomes and more students better prepared for their future. This is a chance to go back and review the data to develop a testing regiment that preserves our ability to gather data while also working to be more efficient with our testing. We want to work together with Department, State Board, and legislators to reimagine an educational system that puts every student, regardless of their zip code, on the path towards success.”