

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Presentation
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SUBJECT: Rigor Gap

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Florida Council of 100 announced the release of a detailed study indicating that a substantial “rigor gap” exists between the grades Florida high-school students receive and their mastery of the content required to pass the pivotal Algebra I and Grade 10 English Language Arts end-of-course (EOC) exams. The results come on the heels of last year’s substandard National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores that illustrated stagnant growth, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic school campus closures and impromptu distance learning, which have likely increased achievement gaps due to students being out of the classroom. This is especially vital as students return to the classroom after months of lowered academic expectations and accountability resulting from the disruptive spring e-learning experience.

Supporting Documentation Included: Presentation to be provided

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