



## Education Consumers Foundation

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### **Comments on Tennessee SCORE's Interim Report from Dr. J.E. Stone, President of the Education Consumers Foundation**

*Note: Tennessee SCORE released a report today entitled the "State of Education in Tennessee;" it is available from the organization's website at [www.tennesseescore.org](http://www.tennesseescore.org).*

Dr. J.E. Stone, President of the Education Consumers Foundation, released the following remarks on the interim report from Tennessee SCORE:

"As advocates for the consumers of public education, we are very pleased to see reports of this caliber published on the state of public education in Tennessee. Those interested in improving public education outcomes should take a particularly close look at the information on data systems and the relationship between per pupil spending and student outcomes provided in the report. They should also review the report's graphics, which show the variability among school districts as to how much students are learning."

"Everyone, and especially parents, should be aware that Tennessee has some schools and districts that are doing an exceptional job, and that others are not. Concerned citizens can find out where their local district falls by looking at SCORE's Interim Report and the sources linked to the SCORE website."

"The SCORE Interim Report is a must read for anyone who is seriously concerned about improving Tennessee's public schools."

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#### **About the Education Consumers Foundation:**

The Education Consumers Foundation is a national nonprofit consumer organization. It gathers and disseminates information about education policy and practice on behalf of parents, taxpayers, and their elected representatives. Tennessee initiatives include its annual Value-Added Achievement Awards, online access to school performance data through its website, and events like its Prepared To Learn meeting on early childhood education. Please visit us at [www.education-consumers.org](http://www.education-consumers.org).