

Please answer the following questions to help me better understand your position on these issues. I respectfully request a response by _____ so we may discuss further. I have also sent a copy of these questions to my State Representative and State Senator. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you!

To School Board Members:

1. How do you view the academic purposes for standardized testing?
2. Are you familiar with all the standardized tests your district requires and their academic purposes?
3. Are you willing to initiate a parent/teacher review of the use of testing in your district?
4. What curriculum does the school district currently utilize in all grade levels?
5. What local control do we currently have in our district to change, alter, add or take away curriculum?
6. What apps or online training tools are being utilized in each grade as supplements to the textbook curriculum?
7. What specific information on each child is sent to the State (which includes any state or federal govt entity outside our district), either via the test or other means?

To School Superintendents:

1. Identify by name and frequency each standardized test your district requires in each grade.
2. Explain where these tests originate and, for each, explain its specific academic purpose and the year it started.
3. For parents who do not want their child to take the assessments, do you respect their parental right to make that decision?

To School Principals:

1. How many standardized tests/surveys are scheduled for my child this year?
2. Where do these tests originate?
3. What is the specific academic purpose for each one?
4. How will these tests affect my child's academic future or standing?
5. For each test, does the teacher see individual student results and have a chance to adjust individual instruction to help each student? If so, what is the lag time between test dates and teachers seeing results?
6. Who sees the scores, where will they be recorded, and for what purpose?
7. Do the scores become part of my child's record?
8. Who in the district instructed you to give these tests?