



Dear parent or guardian:

I have become increasingly concerned that we are overtesting your child and wasting valuable teaching time. That's why I am joining my colleagues in choosing not to give the one-size-fits-all "periodic assessments" provided by the school district. *This change will benefit your child by freeing up almost a month of classroom time that I can now spend teaching, not testing.*

**Besides wasting instructional time, these "periodic assessments" do not help improve student learning:**

- Because these tests are not designed by teachers at our school who work with your child every day, the content is usually not aligned with my classroom lessons.
- Many of the tests have to be sent offsite to be scored, and the results often come back too late to help guide my lesson plans.
- These tests are produced by outside consultants and cost the school district millions of dollars without benefit to students.

Be assured that I will continue to assess your child every day, using effective and authentic tests, class assignments, and homework that I have designed specifically with my students' needs in mind. *I will also continue to issue regular report cards and administer the numerous tests required by the state and federal government.*

Please share with me your concerns about this change. Your child's education remains my top priority.

Thank you!

