

Starting January 27, Send the Bureaucrats a Message
Boycott Periodic Assessments
Don't turn in the tests!

**Assessment should be between you and your students,
not you and the bureaucracy!**

On January 27 we're launching a boycott of periodic assessments

UTLA is calling for a complete boycott of all periodic assessments, Open Court Assessments, and any other **district mandated** tests that are not required by State or Federal law, or that aren't needed to determine appropriate placement for a student, such as CELDT tests. We are boycotting the submission of the test data to the District. The first day of this boycott will be January 27th, the start of the second semester for traditional calendar schools.

We are taking this action for many reasons

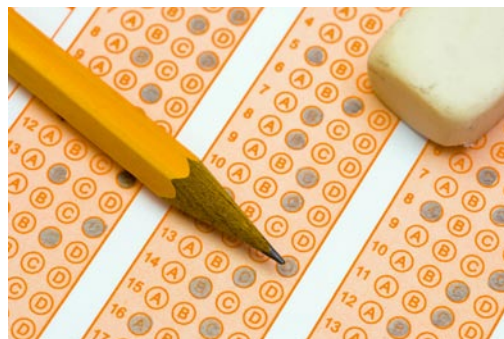
In the face of a huge economic crisis, the District refuses to change its upside down priorities. They would rather spend millions on a wasteful, bureaucratic testing program, than ensure that their employees have health care security in difficult times. They are considering laying off our newest teachers instead of eliminating the wasteful mini-districts. Our students are already over-tested. We can no longer afford to let the District spend valuable resources on extra tests that don't help our students learn or help our teachers teach. If they can't get rid of these tests, together we will!

What this unnecessary program costs

The tests cost millions of dollars in contracts with publishers and waste valuable teacher time. Add on the extra out-of-classroom administration to run this program and the cost could be as high as \$150 million.

How can I participate in this action?

UTLA recognizes and respects that some teachers may find some parts of the periodic assessments useful in helping them understand what their students are learning. It is up to teachers and individual departments to decide upon whether to administer the tests. If you choose to administer all or part of the tests, you can still participate in the boycott by refusing to turn that data in to the District. Our battle is with the bureaucracy, not with each other. Don't feed the bureaucracy by turning in your results!



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Excessive Testing Hurts Our Kids and Our Classrooms!

