

Dear Parents,

It's time to take a step back and look at New York's over reliance on standardized Common Core tests. Ask yourself:

- Doesn't it seem wrong that teachers are evaluated on their student's test performance, when these tests have never been proven as reliable or valid measures of either student or teacher performance?
- Shouldn't take a step back and first prove these tests are valid measures of student achievement **before** we sacrifice so much instructional time and money ?
- Doesn't government work better when it is open and transparent? Shouldn't we be able to see all of the actual test questions? Wouldn't it help student learning if teachers knew what questions each of their students got right and wrong on state tests?
- Shouldn't we focus our time and energy on those districts that need the most help given that our resources are limited?
- Can't we work to step the proposal to make field-testing mandatory, thereby taking away even more instructional time for unproven tests?

If you answered "yes" to each of these questions "click here" to sign a petition asking your elected representatives and the "NYS Regents to Rethink NYS's Reliance on High Stakes, Unproven Tests".