

James Moch, Parent

I am both a parent and a teacher while also being a tax payer. I teach in a high school in the social studies department. My students face a test administered by the regents in 10th grade. This has been done for decades and is rather effective. My district now is hammering me on results (which are great for the state and comparable districts) due to rankings and state standings and my appr. Which is nonsense because the coursework is over multiple years but only my name is on it.

My children are in 3rd grade, they will NOT be taking these insane tests. They are not appropriately aligned to the curriculum, they are used punitively towards their teachers and the district they are in. My children are not pawns and shame on the state for trying to dismantle public schools with them in order to inject profit motive into education. Hope the bailout money was worth it because it has cost local districts exponential amounts of money to implement and has changed nothing except cash strapping schools even more