From: Gordon Hahn
To: OPI Waivers
Subject: Support for waiver from double testing
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To Whom It May Concern,

I understand that the State Superintendent is hoping to get a waiver to exclude schools from being required to administer the CRT exam this next spring and use the upcoming Smarter Balanced assessment instead.

I support this directive as testing takes an enormous amount of class time away from teaching. To give the CRT exam next spring, when it neither aligns to the new Common Core Standards nor will it be used to assess students in the future seems a colossal waste of valuable student-teacher contact time.

Since it appears we will be using the Smarter Balanced test into the future, it will benefit students more to have experience with it instead of (literally) wasting time on the CRT.

Schools of all sizes are inundated with activities, testing, and programs that take students out of the classroom. Many of these are simply part of the educational system, but others aren't. To be required to take the CRT "again", without purpose, is certainly not in the best interest of our students.

I hope that you will seriously consider NOT requiring schools to take the CRT and administer the Smarter Balanced assessment instead.

Sincerely,

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