From: Dennis Davenport
To: OPI Waivers
Subject: Waiver support
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I am writing you in support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver to administer the CRT test this Spring as our schools begin field testing the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. I am very much interested in effective assessment of learning but it makes little sense to continue to require the CRT test, which is not aligned with the Montana Board of Public Education's standards, while we are also administering the SBAC test and MTCAS tests which is aligned with the Board of Public Education's and school standards.

This variance request provides a common sense approach as we transition to the SBAC test. If granted, it will allow teachers increased time to focus on instruction under the new standards, rather than on administering duplicative assessments, one of which is no longer aligned with the Montana Board of Public Education's standards.

I respectfully request that you grant the State Superintendent's requested waiver.

Sincerely,

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