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To:	OPI Waivers
Subject:	Please only test our students once.
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To Whom it may Concern:

I would like to support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver of the obligation to administer the CRT test this spring and instead administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test for the purposes of assessing our students and gaining relevant data upon which to reflect and base future instruction. Having taught for three years now, I have seen the absolute value of timely and reliable data about students' skills. However, I have also seen testing fatigue and how it drains students of passion for school and deters them from doing their best work. Furthermore, redundant testing takes away from valuable learning time.

Please consider allowing schools to give only one of the two tests this year to encourage our students to do their best and provide the most accurate data about their learning.

Sincerely,

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