From: Jason Slater
To: OPI Waivers
Subject: Support for waiver from double testing
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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver to prevent double testing this year. This is a great for our state to show leadership in this area and make a decision that is in the best interest of our students and public schools. If the waiver request is granted we will be able to focus on the Smarter Balanced Test and be better prepared for the following year. Preparing students and staff for the new test and not having to split our focus between two assessments this year would relieve student and staff stress. The CRT benchmark of 100% proficiency is not realistic and will not benefit public schools. The end result of this year's CRT test will be increased public scruitiny of our school systems and endless communication about a test that has everyone set up to fail. Lets support our public schools and move forward.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Slater, Superintendent, Thompson Falls Pub Schools

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School Superintendent