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Please support the waiver sent from Superintendent Denise Juneau to the U.S. Department of Education to eliminate double testing of Montana students in the spring of 2014.

By supporting this waiver there will be more time for students in the classroom. By eliminating the MontCAS (except Science) and including all students in the field test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), there will be less need for teachers to spend time on the administration of tests.

I think having all students participate in the field testing of the new SBAC tests will provide valuable experience for students, teachers, and administrators so they will better know what to expect the next year. It is also a good idea to have all our students and schools represented in the field testing to make sure it is well-suited and fair to students in our state.

I also support maintaining the improvement status of schools from the 2012-2013 school year.

This waiver and the plan around it is simply a good idea. Thank you.

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