

Dear Chair Doherty and Member of the House Education Committee:

I urge your support of HB 2655 and the -3 amendment ensuring a parent's right to opt their children out of statewide standardized assessments. A parent must be able to act in the best interest of their child's welfare. Please note that over 2000 researchers have signed a letter to President Obama and Congress stating, "The broad consensus among researchers is that this system [test-based accountability] is at best ineffective and at worst counter-productive. The issues now being debated in Washington largely ignore these facts about the failure of test-based educational reform, and the proposals now on the table simply gild, rather than transform, a strategy with little or no promise." [1] The letter refers to the attached policy memo from the National Education Policy Center. I hope that you will read this in its entirety and base your actions accordingly.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Lisa Shultz
Former Beaverton School Board Member, Zone 7

[1]<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ImhVrQPOC66ksGQWI4P04yfsCPyshwPErA0U5JNMCMg/viewform>