

Dear Education Committee,

The testing in our schools has gotten out of hand. We are spending millions and yet receiving no real usable results. We need to begin again and make sure what we are doing actually benefits children and educators.

At the same time we need to do what we can and one of those things is to remove the testing of very young children. As a former school teacher of over 40 years and a school board member for eight years I have seen schools first hand. Testing kindergarten, first graders and second graders with pressurized standardized testing likely does more harm than good. Please make sure this sensible bill gets to the house floor for a vote. It is time we began to use common sense again in our struggling educational system.

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