

Members of the House Education Committee:

As a parent and grandparent, I ask you to pass HB 2318 ("Too Young to Test"). I am concerned both from personal experience and what I read, about the overly great pressure being applied to young students today.

I believe the first couple of years of school are an important socialization process and need to be affirming, inclusive and welcoming to those students. Overtesting at that point I think creates undue pressure on both students and teachers.

So I certainly support more funding for schools, as lowering the number of students per class (and per teacher) would go a long way towards helping both teachers and students. But I do not think increased testing of the youngest students will have a positive effect.

Thanks for your consideration.

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