

To the members of the House Education Committee

I write to you as the parent of a learning disabled foster daughter who was so intimidated by the frequent tests that she merely filled in the 'bubbles' to make art pieces, a neighbor of a bright and lovely 14 year old (with lots of family support) who has recently refused to attend school because of testing anxiety, and a retiree who worked 25 years at College of the Redwoods as a Disability Specialist.

My experience convinces me that we are going the wrong direction, that many tests actually get in the way of true learning and intimidate or discourage many students.

I am a BIG supporter of our public education system, but increasingly see families who can afford it moving to home schooling to avoid 'teaching to the test.'

Please support HB 2318.

Respectfully

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