

**Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education:**

**Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of Senator  
Lew Frederick's SB 1583.**

**As a substitute teacher and tutor for children from Kindergarten  
through High School, I experienced the emotional stress, loss of self-  
motivation, and failure of too many of our children due to the  
standardized testing that our Department of Education adopted. I  
witnessed too many quality teachers quit because they could no  
longer teach a curriculum where they helped their students thrive. It's  
been devastating, and your committee can help bring back a public  
educational system that will be student-centered rather than test-  
centered. For too long now, we have experienced too many of our  
young people "fall through the cracks;" and we wonder why we have  
so many societal problems. Education provides the roots for thriving  
communities! The standardized testing that we have burdened our  
children with for many years now has not worked. It is time for ODE to  
limit the amount of testing required and bring back a more holistic  
curriculum.**

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