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I'm the parent of a third grader in PPS schools. My mother is an educator, and I'm blessed to count many teachers among my friends. The issue of testing is one that always brings up a lot of concern. Teachers have a very challenging job, and the fact that the Portland school day is a full 2 hours a day less of educational time than my home state of Texas (!) means they have a very tight schedule to get learning objectives accomplished and should not be taking time away for any more tests than are truly useful. I also know some kids are very intimidated by test taking. Overall I think this bill asks for information we should have access to and ensure financial motivation is not driving the testing strategy. Thank you for your time.