

In 2010 Rob Saxton said the OAKS computerized tests of math and English cost the state a modest \$3.5 million annually. But the 2014 ODE-AIR contract showed but the new test, Smarter Balanced, cost \$27.5 million biannually, a jump of \$10 million annually over OAKS. (Note, the state still required OAKS Science, (Social Studies for a while), the ELPA and kindergarten exams. Districts added others like DIBELS, contributing to more than 120 standardized tests per student over the course of their entire schooling.) At the same time, the ODE’s Race to the Top grant showed Smarter Balanced required \$202 million over four years for new ODE personnel, training and infrastructure, or \$51 million annually. In addition, administrators and the state Smarter Balanced Audit reported that school districts also needed their own extra hardware, software, technicians and even substitutes as proctors. Attached are ODE records from Representative Sue McLain’s office for those school district budget items pre- and post- Smarter Balanced. A comparison shows in addition to state increases, districts increased their standardized test-related spending by \$86 million over four years, or \$22 million annually. There are no figures for the plethora of test coordinators and data managers that popped up all over districts and schools like mushrooms after an Oregon rain.

By contrast, the state increased key student services by a paltry half million! Prorated over four years, that’s 25 cents per pupil per year! Psychological services, Title I and Talented and Gifted dropped \$7 million, while teacher professional development unrelated to testing dropped \$11 million. The SBAC increased testing costs by \$83 million, corresponding with disinvestment in quality instruction and valuable student services.

**Budget items for key student services:** Statewide gain 2010-14: **\$505,003**

1113 – Elementary extra-curricular	\$50,059
1122 – Middle school extra-curricular	\$3912
1132 – High school extra-curricular	\$160,875
1140 – Pre- K	\$226,488
<b>1210 – Talented and Gifted</b>	<b>- \$196,181 loss</b>
1220 – Restrictive programs for disabled	\$442,655
1250 – Less restrictive programs for disabled	\$1,006,129
1260 – Early Intervention (SPED)	\$974,795
1271 – Remediation	\$518,935
<b>1272 – Title I</b>	<b>-\$6,228,523 loss</b>
1291 – English Language Learners	\$467,229
1400 – Summer school	\$4120
2130 – Health services	\$691,049
2120 – Guidance services	\$1,560,981
<b>2140 – Psychological services</b>	<b>- \$376,844 loss</b>
2150 – Speech pathology and audiology	\$919,983
2190 – Services Directions and Student Support	\$285,341

**Budget items for districts’ test expenditures** Statewide gain 2010-14: **\$86,055,679**

2210 – Improvement of instruction – typically PD for SBAC	\$4,084,000
2660 – Technology services – now typically for testing	\$14,430,357
2240 – Staff development (paid) typically for testing	\$982,613
2630 – Information Services - manage increased SB data	\$1,500,554
2230 – Assessment and testing - beyond state mandated tests	\$614,948
2670 – Records management	\$93,225
121 – Substitutes-licensed – act as proctors	\$3,887,787
122 – Substitutes-classified – prepare and proctor tests	\$2,594,894
470 – Computer software – system updates for testing	\$26,804,376
480 – Computer hardware - additional computers	- \$1,095,277 (offset by grants)
380 – Technical services - typically for testing	\$8,262,137
390 – Other tech. services - typically for testing	\$23,896,065
<b>310 – Professional development not SBAC-related</b>	<b>-\$10,830,571 loss</b>

- ✓ ODE Contract with AIR for administering SBAC \$ 10 million annual increase
- ✓ ODE Grant for SBAC personnel, training, infrastructure \$ 51 million “
- ✓ Districts’ increased test-related expenditures \$ 22 million “
- ✓ FTE for new testing personnel, data managers ? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ **Total increased spending with SBAC \$83+ million TOTAL ANNUAL INCREASE**