

Dear Senator Wagner - There is no credible research that SBAC or any standardized test plays an important role in improving what occurs in classrooms. After more than a decade of persistent pressure from federal and state governments, the distraction from meaningful instruction, allocation of funds away from more useful resources and the demoralization of caring competent teachers is a price too high to pay with such little benefit to show.

Fifty years ago I founded an non-profit to help schools improve. It was anchored in the belief that helping educators take advantage of research and best practice would greatly benefit their students. We worked around the country and were well received by committed teachers who were eager to give their students every chance to succeed. None of them saw standardized tests as an important tool for improvement.

A deep and comprehensive audit, as detailed in SB 428 Amendment-1 would provide the committee and the public with confirmation of the multiple costs of continuing the expense which are not otherwise available for consideration. I urge you to support it. Regards, David Crandall, Ed.D.

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