

Dear members of the Education Committee,

My name is Cristelle S. Contreras-McNeill and I am a World Language (Spanish) teacher in Wilton. I am also a parent of three young children who attend public schools in Bridgeport, CT. My oldest, who is in third grade, has been taking different standardized tests for the first time this year. He is in third grade. I also hold a Masters in Developmental Psychology. I understand that standardized tests offer valuable information to educators, parents, and perhaps legislators regarding one aspect of student performance. However, I am very concerned with the confusion, time consumption of teachers, and students, that this new test SBAC is creating. Administrators, teachers, and students alike are extremely stressed, and upset about the content of this test. I don't think it is necessary, and teachers are exceedingly overwhelmed, and pressured to meet the demands and expectations of the implementation of the SBAC. This is unfair to our children, please discard it.

¡Muchas gracias!

Cristelle