

Dear Education Committee Member,

Have you ever been delighted by the joy of a young person who has just learned to ride a bike, tie a shoe, take their first step, speak their first word, write their own name, catch a ball, play a tune on the piano or drive a car? Did you share the feeling of joy? Did you play a role in teaching the child? How much of the credit belongs to you and how much to the child? Can this be measured? What standardized test would you use?

Have you experienced the delight in learning something new with more than one child? Did you notice differences between the children in their ability to master these skills? Did some walk earlier, speak earlier, write or ride earlier? Were some more cautious on two wheels or four? Is there a specific point where mastery occurs? Can this be measured? What standardized test would you use?

Have you experienced the struggle of teaching a young person to consistently load dishes in a dishwasher, set the table, clean up after themselves, mow the lawn or shovel the driveway after a snowstorm? Were you successful in encouraging the person to complete the task? Can this be measured? What standardized test would you use?

Did you ever try to teach anything to 25 young people at the same time? What predictions can you make about their differences? Will all 25 have the same motivation, desire, aptitude, caution, joy, fear and ability? Do you think they will all learn at the same time? Do you think they will all be joyful with mastery? How much of the credit belongs to the teacher and how much to the learner? Can it be measured? What standardized test would you use?

There is **NO** standardized test that is valid and reliable for measuring the impact of teaching on learning. **IT DOES NOT EXIST.** Have you seen the data that shows that the CAPT, SBAC, SAT or any standardized test is valid and reliable in assessing good teaching? No you haven't because **IT DOES NOT EXIST.** No data exists because no test exists. Vote to eliminate the use of test scores to evaluate teachers. It is invalid and unreliable to misuse a test for that purpose.

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